A look at the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Requirements Concerning Document Control and Control of Records.



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Document Control can be looked at as controlled processes and practices for the creation, review, modification, issuance, distribution and accessibility of documents.

A document is anything that tells a person in the laboratory what to do or how to do it"

As noted in ISO/IEC 17025:2017: NOTE In this context, "documents" can be policy statements, procedures, specifications, manufacturer's instructions, calibration tables, charts, textbooks, posters, notices, memoranda, drawings, plans, etc. These can be on various media, such as hard copy or digital.

Software?



7.11 Control of data and information management

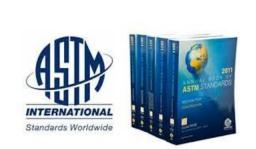


8.3.1 The laboratory shall control the documents (internal and external) that relate to the fulfilment of this document

internal







external



Procedure or a master documents list is not required however can be used to assure documents are being controlled appropriately.



ISO/IEC 17025:2017

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Standard is in tune with todays electronic age.

Flexibility is given in how compliance is maintained



















How do you control your documents both internal and external?



It can be presented through a sophisticated electronic document control system which links the entire quality management system together electrically. It can also be presented through a simple but effective master documents list. This needs to be updated and reflective of what is current and up to date.



- **8.3.2** The laboratory shall ensure that:
- a) documents are approved for adequacy prior to issue by authorized personnel;

From section 6.2 "Personnel"

6.2.1 All personnel of the laboratory, either internal or external, that could influence the laboratory activities shall act impartially, be competent and work in accordance with the laboratory's management system





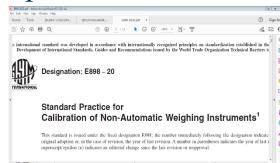
- **8.3.2** The laboratory shall ensure that:
- b) documents are periodically reviewed, and updated as necessary;

Internal documents need to reflect what the laboratory is actually doing;

Example: ABC organization shall back up electronic data daily using an external hard drive which is kept in a fireproof safe in the Quality Managers office.

Does it reflect what is being done to maintain compliance?

External documents should be the latest;



Input for management review -8.9.2c - suitability of policies and procedures;



- **8.3.2** The laboratory shall ensure that:
- c) changes and the current revision status of documents are identified;

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 would allow use of a revision history within the document however is not required that it is maintained within the document.

What changed? Revision 1 achieved Revision 2 current

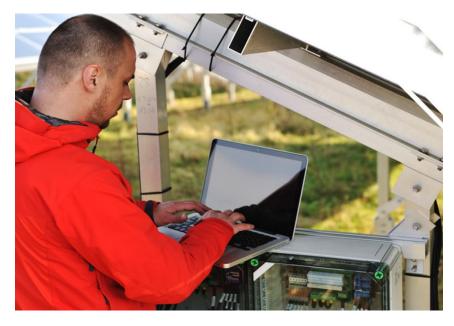




8.3.2 The laboratory shall ensure that:

d) relevant versions of applicable documents are available at points of use and, where necessary, their distribution is controlled

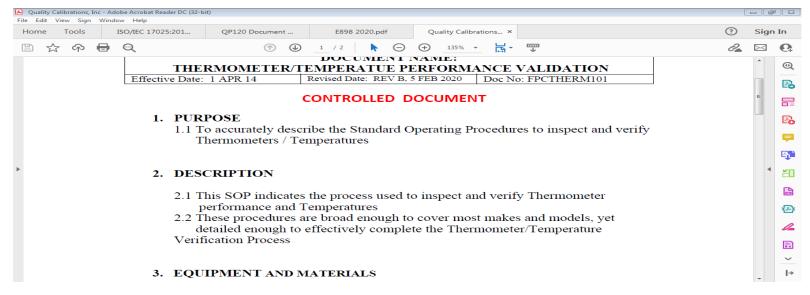






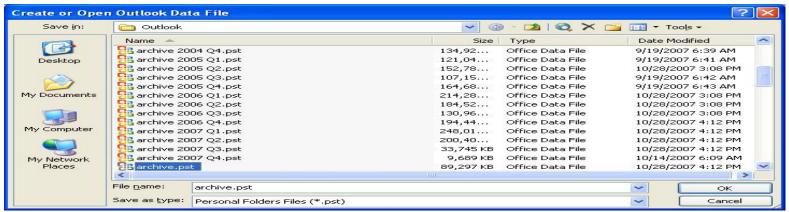
- **8.3.2** The laboratory shall ensure that:
- e) documents are uniquely identified;







- **8.3.2** The laboratory shall ensure that:
- f) the unintended use of obsolete documents is prevented, and suitable identification is applied to them if they are retained for any purpose.







8.4 Control of records

When the pen hits the paper or the finger hits the keyboard, records can be both hard copy "paper" or electronic.







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Example of Records

Meeting Minutes, Customer Reports, Purchase Orders, Completed Data Sheets, Intermediate Checks, Complaints, Audit Results, Management Review Minutes, Corrective Action Reports, Completed Customer Surveys, Contracts, Control Graph's

- 7.4 Handling of test or calibration items
- **7.4.3** Upon receipt of the test or calibration item, deviations from specified conditions shall be recorded;



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As noted in ISO/IEC 17025:2017: Additional requirements regarding technical records are given in 7.5.

8.4 Control of records (Option A)



7.5 Technical records





8.4 Control of Records

8.4.1 The laboratory shall establish and retain legible records to demonstrate fulfilment of the requirements in this document





For example: Internal Audit 8.8.2e: retain records as evidence of the implementation of the audit program and the audit results

Nonconforming Work 7.10.2 7.10.2 The laboratory shall retain records of nonconforming work and actions as specified in 7.10.1, bullets b) to f).



8.4 Control of Records

8.4.2 The laboratory shall implement the controls needed for the identification, storage, protection, back-up, archive, retrieval, retention time, and disposal of its records. The laboratory shall retain records for a period consistent with its contractual obligations. Access to these records shall be consistent with the confidentiality commitments, and records shall be readily available.

Even though a procedure is not required, it can be utilized as a tool for fulfilling this requirement.





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