

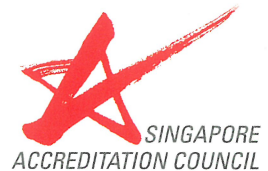


# Accreditation Scheme for Proficiency Testing Providers

## Ensuring good products and services benchmarking practices

Launched in August 2013, the Accreditation Scheme for Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP) aims to raise the standard of benchmarking for conformity assessment companies to increase assurance in the performance ratings of products and services.

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This scheme enables companies participating in proficiency testing programmes to reliably monitor trends and identify gaps in their performance for corrective impressions and clearance.

The standard used for accreditation of PTP is ISO/IEC 17043, *Conformity Assessment – General Requirements for proficiency testing*. SAC document PTP 001 – Requirements for the Application of ISO/IEC 17043, provides the policies and guidance for PTPs in their application of ISO/IEC 17043.

The Accreditation Scheme will:

- Give added credibility to the proficiency testing services
- Enhance the standard and quality of proficiency testing services offered

## Accreditation Criteria

PTP must meet the relevant international standards, and SAC requirements in order to be accredited. The accreditation criteria are as follows:

- ISO/IEC 17043 *Conformity assessment -- General requirements for proficiency testing*
- Technical note, PTP 001
- Terms and Conditions for Accreditation, SAC-01

## How to apply?

A facility seeking recognition for compliance with ISO/IEC 17043 should apply to the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC), stating its proposed scope and type of proficiency testing (PT) programmes for recognition.

SAC will do a documentation review before the on-site assessment. The facility must also have completed at least one PT programme for the applied scope and this PT study will be used as the basis for the on-site assessment.

The on-site assessment will be performed by an SAC lead assessor accompanied by relevant field technical experts as determined by SAC. Surveillance assessment will be conducted annually and reassessment will be conducted every four years for renewal of accreditation.

Facilities interested in the PTP Scheme can contact the SAC Secretariat or visit SAC website at [www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg](http://www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg) for more information.