

Selecting an Accreditation Body for ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Accreditation

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The selection of an accrediting body is an important process, because, ultimately, it is the accreditation body that determines whether the laboratory complies with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

When selecting an accreditation body the laboratory should take into account, among other things:

1. The accreditation body's qualifications (for example, are they an ILAC signatory?)
2. Knowledge and experience in conducting assessments in your scope of testing
3. Do they provide other services such as consulting services, training, resources, etc.?
4. Length of time for accreditation
5. Period of time between on-site accreditation visits
6. Costs
7. Accreditation Process – preparation phase, on-site review, report, and follow-up

Below is a list of the Accreditation Bodies in the United States that are currently accrediting food and feed testing laboratories. These accreditation bodies are full members of ILAC, and signatories to the Mutual Recognition Arrangement. The Accreditation Bodies listed below grant accreditation for two (2) years.

Accreditation Body	Accredits feed laboratories to the AAFCO QA/QC Guidelines upon request at time of publication of this document (check with the accrediting body for latest policy)	Contact Information
American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)	Yes	Tel: 1 301 644 3248 Fax: 1 240 454 9449 Email: info@A2LA.org Website: http://www.a2la.org/
International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS)	No	Tel: 1 866 427 4422 Fax: 1 562 699 8031 Email: iasinfo@iasonline.org Website: http://www.iasonline.org/
ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board	Yes	Tel: 1 877 344 3044 ext. 202 Fax: 1 703 836 0040 Email: rmuse@anab.org Website: http://anab.org/
Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA)	Yes	Tel: 1 877 369 5227 Fax: 1 248 247 3438 Email: pjlabs@pjlabs.com Website: http://www.pjlabs.com/
AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs, LLC (AIHA-LAP)- FoodLAP)	No	Tel: 1 703 846 0791 Fax: 1 703 207 8558 Email: gbowman@aiha.org Website: http://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org/

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