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Centre for Laboratory Accreditation

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1. Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) Accreditation

Accreditation is the third-party attestation related to a CAB conveying the formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment task. CAB is an organisation providing the following conformity services: testing including medical, calibration, inspection, proficiency testing, management system certification, personnel certification, and product certification.

CAB accreditation is a procedure by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition of technical competence for specific tests/ measurements, based on third party assessment and following international standard. The general requirements for laboratories or other organisations, to be considered competent to carry out testing (other than medical) and calibration are specified in the International Standard ISO/IEC 17025, for medical are specified in the International Standard ISO 15189 and for Biobanking are specified in Biotechnology-Bio banking- General requirements for biobanking ISO 20387:2018. Accreditation is considered as the first step for facilitating mutual acceptance of test results and measurement data. Confidence in accreditation is obtained by a transparent system of control over the accredited CABs and an assurance given by the accreditation body that the accredited CAB fulfils the accreditation criteria. Accredited CABs can objectively state conformance of product or service to specified requirements. It is important for the consumer, purchaser, regulator, government, and the public to be able to identify accredited CABs which is generally through the mark of accreditation issued by an Accreditation Body.

2. Benefits of Accreditation

Accredited CABs with international criteria have following advantages:

- Increased confidence in Testing/ Calibration Reports issued by the CAB.
- Better control of CAB operations and feedback to CABs as to whether they have sound Quality Assurance System and are technically competent.
- Potential increase in business due to enhanced customer confidence and satisfaction.
- Accredited CABs are publicised by the Accreditation Body by putting their name on its website.
- Users of accredited CABs enjoy greater access for their products, in both domestic and international markets.
- Time and money are saved due to reduction or elimination of the need for retesting of products.

3. About Quality and Accreditation Institute (QAI)

Quality and Accreditation Institute is a private limited company incorporated by Registrar of Companies under the Companies Act 1956. QAI was set up to create an ecosystem of education, training, quality improvement and accreditation. It is believed that this organisation would provide a platform to stakeholders including professionals and organisations, associated with quality in any way, to share their wisdom and knowledge in order to make its Vision realised. This will further provide tremendous opportunities to all concerned to learn and contribute in improving organisations engaged with QAI. Different activities would be initiated under different verticals in a manner that they remain independent of each other. QAI aims to operate globally.

Vision

Nurturing the largest global pool of organisations and people through quality and accreditation framework.

Mission

To conceive and deliver education, training, accreditation and related programmes in partnership with stakeholders using an approach of co-design and co-creation.

Values

Listener: Seek continuous feedback from stakeholders to address their concerns
Competitive: Look for viable options to benefit users of our services
Transparency: Clearly defined policies made available in public domain
Innovation: Continuously evolve using co-design and co-creation

QAI has set up following Centres of Excellence:

- Centre for Education & Training (CET)
- Centre for Accreditation of Health & Social Care (CAHSC)
- Centre for Laboratory Accreditation (CLA)
- Centre for Accreditation of Veterinary Facilities (CAVF)

4. QAI's Centre for Laboratory Accreditation (CLA)

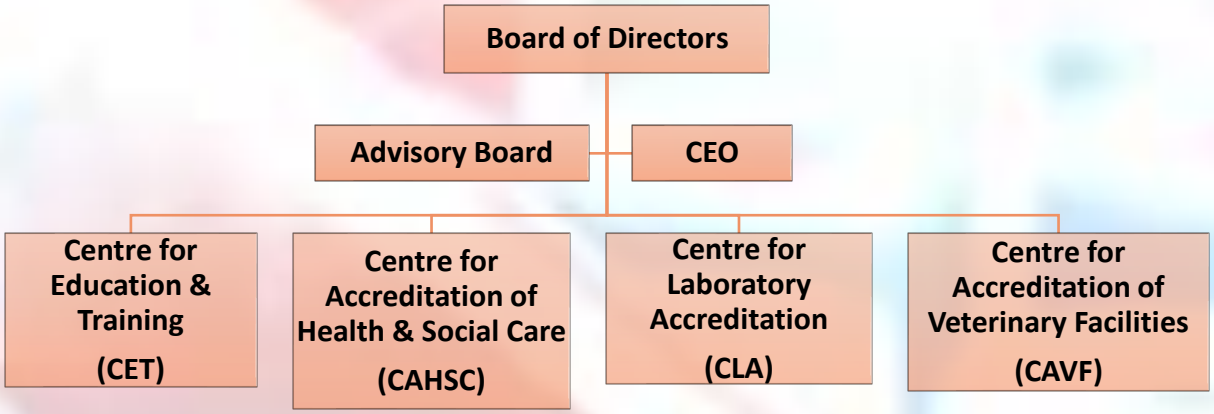
QAI's CLA has been established with the objective of providing Government, Industry Associations and Industry in general with a scheme of accreditation of CABs medical, testing and calibration laboratories. The CAB accreditation services to testing and calibration laboratories are provided in accordance with ISO/ IEC 17025 'General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories', ISO 15189 'Medical laboratories -- Requirements for Quality and Competence', ISO 20387:2018 'Biotechnology-Bio banking-General requirements for biobanking' and QAI Recognition for Basic Medical Laboratories as per Clinical Establishment Act. The Scope of accreditation is listed in the application form as well under scope in this document. We offer accreditation services in a non-discriminatory manner. These services are accessible to all testing including medical and calibration CABs in India and other countries regardless of the size of the applicant CAB or its membership of any association or group. QAI-CLA will establish its accreditation system in accordance with ISO/ IEC 17011 'Conformity Assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies'. Our accreditation system also takes note of the requirements of Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs). We shall make relevant documents for CABs, assessors and stakeholders on the website. It is set up to operate CAB accreditation for medical as per ISO 15189, other testing & calibration laboratories as per ISO/IEC 17025 and biobanking as per ISO 20387. The long-term goal is to attain signatory status of Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) and International Laboratory Accreditation Programme (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

5. Organisation Structure

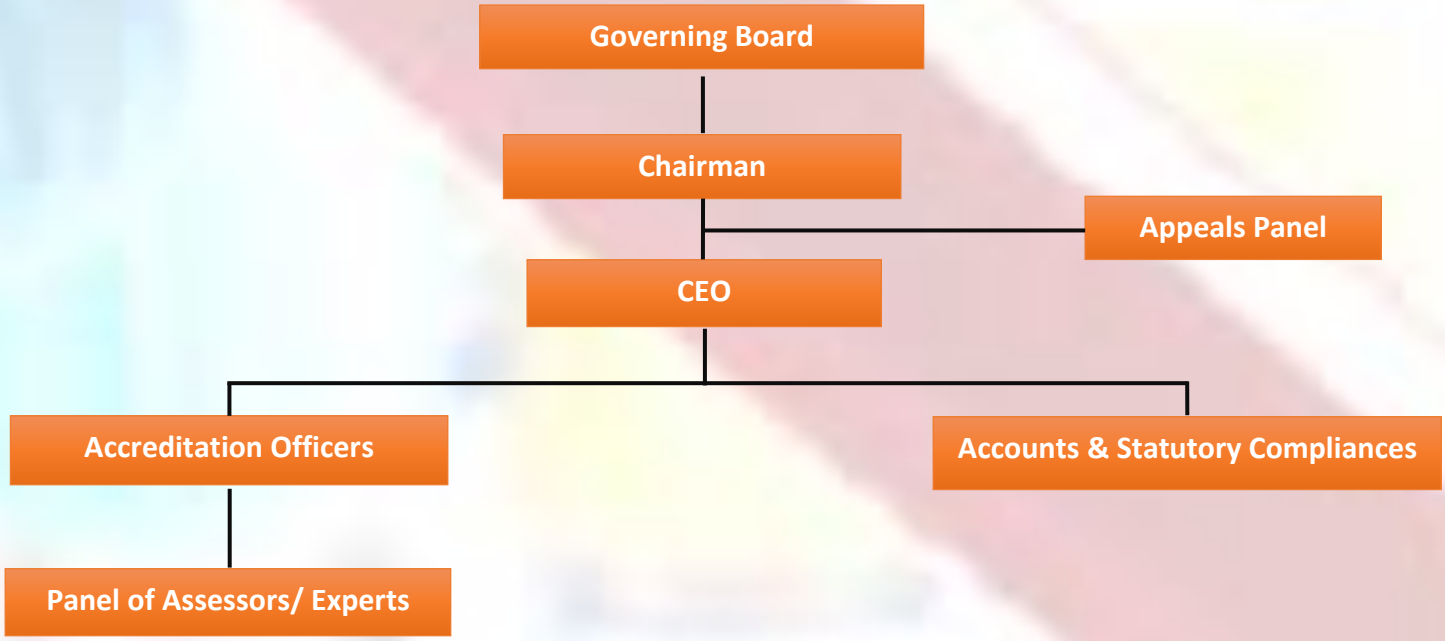
The organisation structure of QAI's Centre for Laboratory Accreditation has been designed to meet the requirements of an effective and efficient accreditation system. The Centre is governed by a Board. The Board frames and approve policies and guidelines and provide direction to QAI's CLA. CEO is the Member Secretary of the Board.

CLA operates its accreditation process through a structured framework of competent staff and pool of empanelled Lead Assessors and Technical Assessors covering all fields and disciplines as specified in the scope of accreditation. All Lead Assessor and Technical Assessors are personnel having considerable experience in related activities. They are trained by CLA as per the relevant international accreditation criteria and subsequently empanelled as assessors/ lead assessors through defined contractual agreements. Membership of various committees

is drawn from reputed organisations, experts in the field, experienced assessors, academic institutions, important professional bodies, regulatory agencies/ bodies etc.



Organogram of CLA



6. International Linkages

QAI's Centre for Laboratory Accreditation is an associate member of APAC. In order to achieve the objectives of WTO-TBT i.e., the acceptance of test/ calibration data across the borders, CLA operates and is committed to update its accreditation system as per the requirements of international standard ISO/ IEC 17011.

APAC
ASIA PACIFIC ACCREDITATION COOPERATION

7. Special Features of CAB Accreditation Programme:

- Comprehensive Assessment Management System to allow quick turnaround time for the accreditation process as each step is linked to a defined period.
- Endorsement of quality and competence of a CAB as per the intent of the standard.
- No pre-assessment to reduce cost and time.
- Introducing a new concept of self-assessment and document review replacing pre-assessment and providing opportunity to labs for a thorough review of their documentation and implementation of requirements of ISO 15189 and ISO/IEC 17025.
- Rigorous Assessor Management System including a transparent monitoring and evaluation mechanism.
- Hear the voice of all keeping 'Client First'.
- Harmonising local, national, regional and global framework.
- Blend of global strategy, experience and leadership.
- Labs in SAARC nations enjoy same fee structure as for labs in India.
- Compliance to ISO/IEC 17011.
- Economic yet global model.

8. Scope of Accreditation

Accreditation is currently given in the following disciplines.

8.1 Medical Laboratory

Clinical Biochemistry	Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) (ISO 22870)
Clinical Pathology	Cytopathology
Haematology & Immunohematology	Genetics including Molecular Diagnostics
Histopathology	Nuclear Medicine *including (in vitro tests only)*
Microbiology and Serology	

8.2 QAI Recognition for Basic Composite Medical Laboratory

Biochemistry	Haematology
Medical Microbiology and Immunology	

8.3 Testing Laboratory

Biological		
Food and Agricultural Products	Resistance to Microbial Attack	Antimicrobial Activity Products
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	Biological Tests on Other Miscellaneous Test Items	Wild Life Forensic
Water	Biopesticides and Biofertilisers	AYUSH Products
Environment and Pollution	Toxicology	Biological Monitoring
Biocides	Identification/Enumeration of Microbial Pathogens	Biologicals Derived Pharmaceuticals
Cosmetics and Essential Oils	Residue Analysis	Cosmetics & Essential Oil
Industrial Cultures	Veterinary Testing	GM Products
Seed Testing	Nutraceuticals & Functional Foods	Marine /Aqua Culture Food Products
Plants and Plant Materials	Nutritional Supplements	Medical Accessories & Surgical Products
Cell Culture	Animal Food & Feed	Molecular Analysis

Chemical		
Adhesives	Hazardous & Restricted Chemicals	Petroleum and Products
Animal Food & Feeds	Industrial & Fine Chemicals	Plastic & Resins
AYUSH Products	Inks, dyes & pigments	Pollution & Environment
Atmospheric Pollution	Lac & lac products	Residues in Food Products
Building Material	Leather	Residues in Water
Cosmetics & Essential Oils	Lubricants	Rubber & Rubber Products
Corrosion Tests	Marine / Aqua culture Food Products	Soap Detergent & Toiletries
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	Metallic coatings & treatment solutions	Soil and Rock
Explosives & Pyrotechnics	Metals & Alloys	Solid Fuels

Fertilisers	Nutraceuticals & Functional Foods	Textile (Woven & Non-woven)
Fire Fighting Equipment & Accessories	Ores & Minerals	Warfare Chemicals
Food & Agricultural products (Except Human Milk)	Paints & Surface Coating	Water
Gases	Paper and Pulp	Wood and Wood Products
Glass	Pesticide Formulations	

Electrical	
Switchgear Equipment	Batteries
Rotating Electrical Machines	Power System Protection Relays
Transformers and Reactors	Measuring Instruments
Transmission Line Equipment and Accessories	Electrical Materials
Cables and Accessories	High Voltage Test Facility
Power Capacitors	Short Circuit Test Facility
Lamps, Luminaries and Accessories	Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) / Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Test Facility
Wiring Accessories	Environmental Test Facility
Domestic Electrical Appliances	Energy Efficiency Test Facility
Power Stabilisers and UPS	Safety Test Facility

Electronics	
Audio Equipment	Equipment Used in Clinical Laboratory
Domestic Electronic Appliances & Accessories	Medical Electrical Equipment
Electronic Components & Equipment Sub-Assemblies	Power Supplies & Stabilisers

EMC Test Facility	Safety Testing Facility
Environmental Test Facility	Miscellaneous Products

Mechanical	
Automotive Components	Properties of Powder Metallurgical Products
Buildings Materials	Rubber and Rubber Products
Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)	Soil and Rock
Leather and Leather Products	Sub Assembly/Ancillaries/Accessories
Mechanical Properties of Metals	Textile Materials
Metallography Test	Toys and Similar Products
Noise & Vibration	Wood and Wood Products
Paper & Paper Products	Thermal Testing
Performance/Durability/ Safety Test	Solar Panel
Plastics and Plastic Products	Precious Stones

Radiological	
Radiation Monitors	Food and Agriculture Products
Radiation Sources	Water
Radiological/ Nucleonic Equipment	Soil

Photometry
Light Sources (Electric Lamp)
Luminaires
Glasses/Mirror

Fluid- Flow
Air & Gases
Liquids
Miscellaneous

Non-destructive
Metals and Alloys
Building Materials
Reinforced Concrete Structures

Food Testing Laboratories

Biological and Chemical Testing of Food & Agricultural Products	Marine/ Aqua culture Food Products
Nutraceuticals & Nutritional Supplements	Potable water
Others	

Veterinary Testing Laboratories

Clinical Biochemistry	Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) (ISO 22870)
Clinical Pathology	Cytopathology
Haematology & Immunohematology	Genetics including Molecular Diagnostics
Histopathology	Nuclear Medicine *including (in vitro tests only)*
Microbiology and Serology	Identification of micro-organisms
Others	

Forensic Laboratories

Biological Science	Physical Science
Chemical Science	Crime Scene Management
Forensic Electronics and Computer Forensics	Forensic Psychology
Others	

Diagnostic Radiology QA Testing

8.4 Biobank

Source of Biological Material	Type of Biological Material	Activities	Internal/ External Methods	Storage Conditions
Human	e.g. blood, tissues, body fluids, cell lines, gametes, genetic material, waste products	Collection, Acquisition, Preparation, Processing, Examination/ Testing/ Analysis, Preservation, Storage, Distribution, Disposal (of material beyond a defined storage period, if any)	e.g. reference to ISO standards, National standards, Industrial standards, Association standards, Biobank SOPs, etc.	e.g. -80 Freezer, Cryofreezer, Slides, etc.
Animal	e.g. blood, tissues, body fluids, gametes, cell lines, genetic materials			
Plant	e.g. whole plant, tissue, extracts, genetic materials			
Microorganism	e.g. culture, genetic materials			
Multicellular organism neither animal nor plant e.g., Fungi, Brown Seaweed	e.g. whole material, mycelium, spores, culture, genetic materials			

9. Eligibility and Preparation for Accreditation

9.1 Preparing for Accreditation

Management of the laboratory shall first decide about getting accreditation from QAI. It is important for the CAB to make a definite plan of action for obtaining accreditation and nominate a person to co-ordinate all activities related to seeking accreditation. An official nominated should be familiar with existing CAB quality management system.

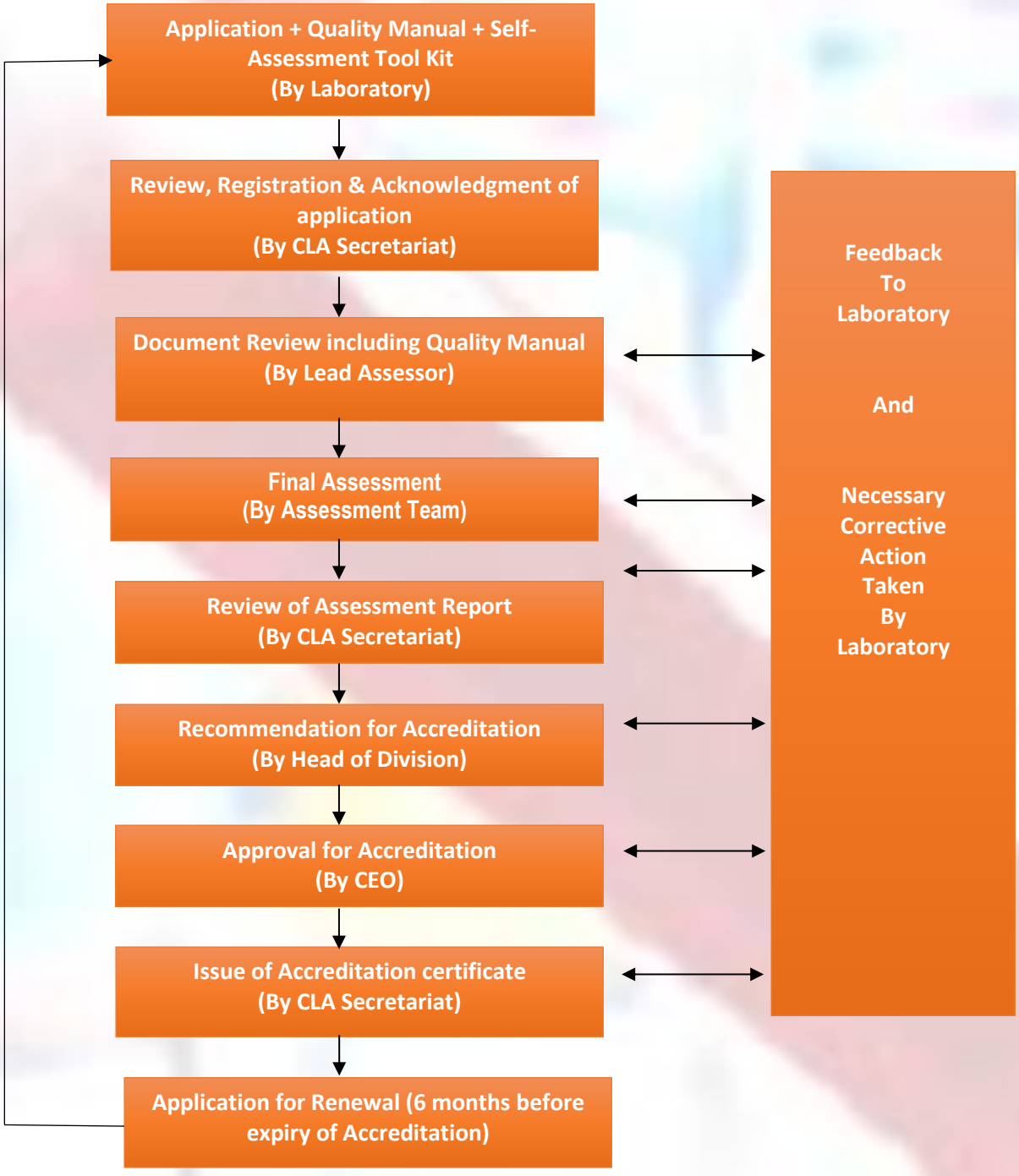
CAB must procure a copy of the relevant standard (ISO 15189 or ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO 20387). The CAB looking for accreditation shall understand the QAI assessment process. The CAB shall ensure that all the requirements of the standard are implemented. For preparing the quality manual or verifying its contents, the CAB may get its personnel trained in a training programmes on quality management system organised by various institutes including QAI's Centre for Education and Training. The proposed Quality manager shall have undergone a formal training on management system and internal audit based on relevant standard.

9.2 Eligibility for Accreditation

The applicant CAB must comply with all clauses of ISO 15189 or ISO/ IEC 17025:2017 or ISO 20387 whichever is applicable. The applicant CAB must have participated satisfactorily in the proficiency testing programme, wherever applicable, conducted by QAI's CPT/ APAC or any other national or international accredited/ recognised PT provider. If no suitable PT programme is available the CAB can initiate an inter-laboratory comparison with adequate number of accredited CABs or engage into other types of internal quality control checks. The minimum stipulated participation for laboratories is one parameter/ type of test/ calibration per discipline, prior to grant of accreditation and covers its scope in phase manner. The applicant CAB must have conducted at least one internal audit and a management review before the submission of application.

10. Accreditation Process

Conceptualised an accreditation process which is simple and efficient as shown below:



For explanation of the process, please refer to CLA 101_Information Brochure for Medical Laboratories _Issue 6
For explanation of the process, please refer to CLA 201_Information Brochure for Testing Laboratories _Issue 5
For explanation of the process, please refer to CLA 301_Information Brochure for Biobanks _Issue 2

Accreditation Mark

Accredited CAB is authorised to use following accreditation mark subject to requirements specified in 'QAI CLA-013 Policy for use of QAI Accreditation mark'.

ISO 15189:2012
Certificate No.
Example: QAI/CLA/ML/2020/0000

ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Certificate No.
Example: QAI/CLA/TL/2020/0000

ISO 20387:2018
Certificate No.
Example: QAI/CLA/BB/2021/0000

11. QAI Recognition for Basic Medical Laboratories (QRML)

Quality and Patient Safety are the words we keep hearing every now and then. However, as a healthcare system, have we reached out to healthcare facilities those are providing services to patients but may not have an opportunity to check on how they are doing in terms of quality and patient safety. Moreover, they may not have even exposed to the concept of quality and patient safety. Many such healthcare facilities are medical laboratories both based in a hospital and standalone. Several hundred medical laboratories operating in India for several years were never exposed to this concept of quality and patient safety. It is high time to reach out to these laboratories to support them through education and capacity building to make them competent to just ensure reliability of test results they are producing.

To steer this agenda forward, QAI has initiated a recognition programme- QAI Recognition for Basic Medical Laboratories (QRML). This recognition programme is based on the (1) requirements prescribed in Gazette Notification G.S.R.468 (E) dated 18th May, 2018 by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India related to Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012 and (2) certain quality improvement principles. This programme is likely to serve several important underline purposes including encouragement to labs to meet minimum regulatory requirements, adopt quality & patient safety as core element of the business.

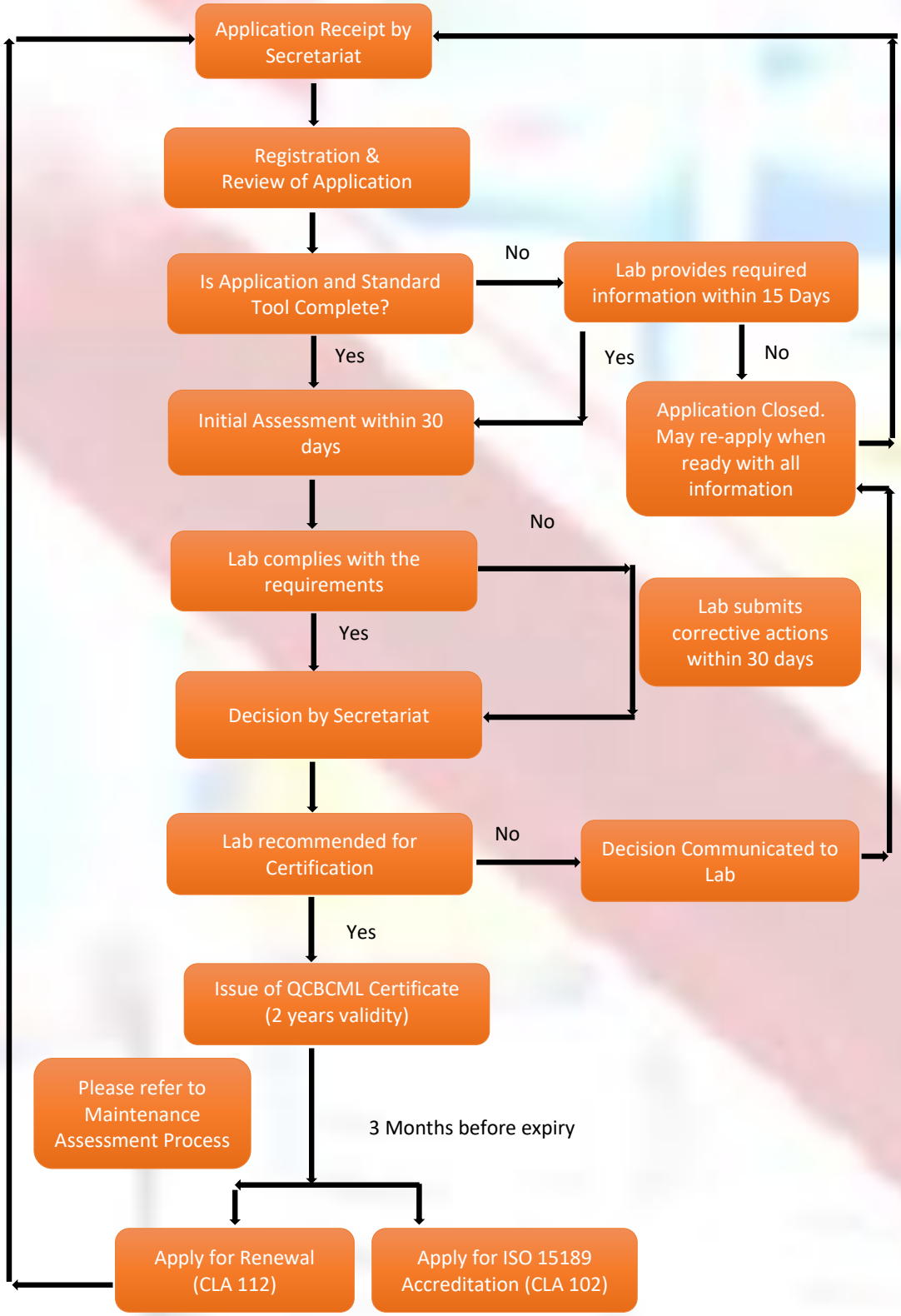
Labs would be encouraged to adopt ISO 15189 as they move forward in their quality journey.

12. Eligibility Conditions for Medical Laboratories

A Laboratory performing the tests covered (given below) under Basic Medical Laboratory (BCML) in Gazette notification G.S.R. 468 (E) dated 18th May 2018 by MOHFW regarding Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012 is eligible to apply under this programme of Recognition of BML. A laboratory performing tests outside BCML scope can also apply subject to availability of required authorised signatory as per applicable regulation. (**Refer document CLA- 113**).

13. Recognition Process

Initial Assessment/ Renewal Assessment Process



For Detailed Information Please Refer CLA_111 Information Brochure for QAI Recognition for Medical Laboratories (QRML)-Basic/ Medium/Advance _Issue 4

Recognition Mark

Recognised Laboratory is authorised to use following mark subject to requirements specified in 'QAI CLA- 013 Policy for use of QAI Accreditation mark'.

BML
Certificate No.
Example: QAI/CLA/BML/2020/0000

14. Complaints and Appeals

Complaints

QAI-CLA is open to receiving complaints for any of the activities performed by its officials, assessors and the accredited CABs. The details are provided in 'Policy and Procedure for Dealing with Complaints and Appeals'.

Appeals

QAI-CLA is open to appeals from the applicant/ accredited CABs against its decisions. The decisions against which appeals are entertained relate to adverse decisions like accepting application, denial of accreditation, reduction of scope of accreditation or abeyance/ suspension/ forced withdrawal of accreditation. The details are provided in a separate document 'Policy and Procedure for Dealing with Complaints and Appeals'.

15. Rights and Obligations of CABs

Rights of CABs

CABs are entitled to receive information related to CAB accreditation. They can access our website www.qai.org.in which gives information necessary for accreditation. QAI-CLA is obliged to make available information on scope of accreditation, validity dates for its accreditation certificate(s) and contact details to users of the CABs. The CAB has the right to object to appointment of specific member(s) of assessment team by giving valid reasons. QAI-CLA accredited CAB has the right to use 'QAI Accreditation Mark' on the test reports issued by it as long as the test is included in its scope of accreditation as per laid down policy. Detailed requirements governing use of 'QAI Accreditation Mark' have been stated in a separate document.

Obligations of the CABs

An accredited CAB is obliged to fulfil requirements of relevant standard and any other requirements set by QAI-CLA at all times. The CAB is expected to provide access to all premises where key activities are performed and allow access to all relevant information, documents and records necessary to assess compliance to the relevant requirements. An accredited CAB can claim accreditation only for the scope for which it has been granted accreditation and

shall not claim accreditation in a manner which can bring disrepute to QAI or misrepresent the facts. The CAB is required to notify QAI of any change that may affect accreditation status, within 15 days. The CAB is required to pay necessary fees as determined by QAI from time to time.

16. Rights and Responsibilities of QAI-CLA

Rights

- QAI-CLA requires that all CABs will conform to ISO 15189 or ISO/IEC 17025 or Basic Medical Laboratories or ISO 20387 whichever applicable and any other requirement specified by QAI-CLA from time to time to maintain accreditation.
- QAI-CLA requires that all accredited labs abide by 'Terms and conditions for obtaining and maintaining accreditation.'
- QAI-CLA has the right to:
    - ❖ effect changes in standards on which CAB accreditation is based in accordance with international norms
    - ❖ decide on policies related to accreditation in consultation with stakeholders
    - ❖ appoint assessment teams in consultation with lab and the assessors
    - ❖ take appropriate action including adverse decisions against a lab giving valid reasons for the same

Duties

- QAI-CLA is obliged to make available relevant information to its applicant and accredited CABs. This information is provided on our website www.qai.org.in.
- QAI-CLA will communicate changes to the requirements of accreditation such as ISO 15189 or ISO/IEC 17025 or Basic Medical Laboratories or ISO 20387 whichever applicable through website.

17. Finance and Fee Structure

Finance

QAI derives its funds from the revenue generated through accreditation and training activities.

Fee Structure

A uniform fee structure is maintained for all CABs and the charges are maintained at a reasonable level so that CABs are not denied participation in the accreditation process because of unreasonable financial conditions. The fee structure is kept simple and economical to facilitate maximum number of participations, less invoices and bank transactions. The information about the fee structure for various field(s)/ discipline(s) is given below.

Fee Structure for Accreditation of Medical Laboratories within India

Type of laboratories	No. of patients/ day/ locations	Application fee (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application)	Accreditation Fee (per year from the date of accreditation)
Very Small Laboratories	Below 30 patients/day/ location	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-
Small Laboratories	31-100 patients/day/ location	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 35,000/-
Medium	101 – 400 patients/ day/ location	Rs. 40,000/-	Rs. 55,000/-
Large Laboratories	401 – 1000 patients/ day/ location	Rs. 100,000/-	Rs. 125,000/-
Very Large Laboratories / Laboratories operating from multiple locations (more than one location in the same city)	Above 1000 patients/ day/ location or Laboratories operating from multiple locations (more than one location in the same city)	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Rs. 2,20,000/-
Charges For Collection Centres attached to the laboratory			
Number of Collection Centres	up to 10	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
	>10 – 50	Rs. 6,500/-	Rs. 6,500/-
	> 50 – 100	Rs. 13, 000/-	Rs. 13, 000/-
	More than 100	Rs. 25,500/-	Rs. 25,500/-

Fee Structure for Accreditation of Medical Laboratories Outside India operating within SAARC countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives, Pakistan & Sri Lanka)

Type of Laboratory	No. of patients/ day/ locations	Application fee (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application)	Accreditation Fee (per year from the date of accreditation)
Very Small Laboratories	Below 30 patients/day/ location	$350	$500
Small Laboratories	31-100 patients/day/ location	$400	$550
Medium	101 – 400 patients/ day/ location	$650	$900
Large Laboratories	401 – 1000 patients/ day/ location	$1600	$2000
Very Large Laboratories / Laboratories operating from multiple locations (more than one location in the same city)	Above 1000 patients/ day/location or Laboratories operating from multiple locations (more than one location in the same city)	$3200	$3500
Charges for Collection Centres attached to the laboratory			
Number of Collection Centres	up to 10	$75	$75
	>10 – 50	$150	$150
	> 50 – 100	$250	$250
	More than 100	$400	$400

Fee structure for Testing Laboratories (covering all disciplines) operating within India

S. No.	Type of Laboratory	Application fee (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application)	Accreditation Fee (per year from the date of accreditation)
1.	**Testing Laboratories:**	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 40,000/- (per discipline)
	For one Product Group/ Discipline		
	For each additional product group/ discipline:	Rs. 10,000	
2.	**Food Testing Laboratories**	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-
3.	**Veterinary Testing Laboratories**	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-
4.	**Forensic Laboratories**	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-

Fee structure for Testing Laboratories (covering all disciplines) operating in South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries

S. No.	Type of Laboratory	Application fee (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application)	Accreditation Fee (per year from the date of accreditation)
1.	**Testing Laboratories:**	$350	$650 (per discipline)
	For one Product Group/ Discipline		
	For each additional product group/ discipline:	$175	
2.	**Food Testing Laboratories**	$400	$1200
3.	**Veterinary Testing Laboratories**	$400	$1200
4.	**Forensic Laboratories**	$400	$1200

Fee structure of QAI Recognition for Basic Medical Laboratories

Type of Laboratory	Application fee and assessment charges (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application) (Rs. 12000)		Recognition Fee for two years
	Application Fee	Assessment Charges	
Basic Medical Laboratory	Rs. 2000	Rs. 10000	Rs. 10000

Type of Laboratory	Application fee and assessment charges (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application) (Rs. 18000)		Recognition Fee for two years
	Application Fee	Assessment Charges	Rs. 16000
Medium Medical Laboratory	Rs. 2000	Rs. 16000	

Type of Laboratory	Application fee and assessment charges (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application) (Rs. 20000)		Recognition Fee for two years
	Application Fee	Assessment Charges	Rs. 18000
Advance Medical Laboratory	Rs. 2000	Rs. 18000	

Fee structure for Biobanks operating within India

Sl. No.	Type of Biobank	Application fee (non-refundable, to be paid along with the application)	Annual Accreditation Fee (From the date of accreditation)
1.	For one source and one type of biological material	Rs. 25000/-	Rs. 75000/-
	For each additional type of biological material from same source	Rs. 10000/-	
2.	For each additional source of biological material	Rs. 25000/-	

In addition to the above-mentioned fee of all the programmes-

Medical Laboratory, Testing Laboratory, Basic Medical Laboratory, Biobanks GST @18.0 % or as applicable from time to time to be paid.

Assessment Charges: In addition to the above fee, CAB shall bear the cost of following (in case of onsite and hybrid):

a. Travel of the assessment team
b. Accommodation and meals

No other overhead charges

Guidelines for Travel and Lodging:

a. Travel to be made by Air in economy class (Apex fare) or by train in 2nd AC Class or by AC Bus.
b. The CAB will provide the tickets for travel as per above guidelines. If the journey is made by own car, the re-imbursement will be as per company's rules or restricted to 2nd AC Class fare by train.
c. The CAB shall also make arrangements for boarding & lodging for the Assessment team. A single occupancy AC accommodation may be provided for each Assessor/ Observer in a reasonably good hotel/ guesthouse and arrangement for local transportation from temporary residence to the CAB site and airport/ railway station/ bus stand.

Fee payment:

All payments through Bank Transfer shall be made as per following details.

Bank Transfer details are:

Beneficiary name: Quality and Accreditation Institute Pvt. Ltd.
Bank Account number: 003105031612
Bank Details: ICICI Bank Limited, K-1, Senior Mall, Sector 18, Noida-201301, India
Bank IFSC Code: ICIC0000031
Bank Swift Code: ICICINBBNRI
PAN No.: AADCI3230L
GSTIN: 09AADCI3230L1ZK

Note: **Any bank charges for transfer of fee is to be paid by the CAB.**

18. QAI-CLA Publications

All relevant publications (policy/procedure/document) are available on our website www.qai.org.in.

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