

**Publication of ISO 15189:2022**

We are pleased to advise that ISO 15189:2022 *Medical Laboratories – Requirements for quality and competence* has now been published. The revised standard was published on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. Key updates to the standard include a greater focus on clinical risk and the impact of services on patients. The standard has undergone structural reorganisation to bring it in line with ISO 17000-series standards (the “parent” standards of ISO 15189).

A resolution was endorsed at the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) General Assembly to allow a 3-year implementation period from the date of publication of this revised standard. At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a medical laboratory to ISO 15189:2012 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement and all organisations accredited to ISO 15189:2012 must have been assessed and accredited to the new standard.

Further guidance from SADCAS for applicant and accredited medical laboratories will follow in due course.

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