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## Foreword

The MAURITIUS ACCREDITATION SERVICE (MAURITAS) is a governmental body established in 1998 to provide a national, unified service for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (CABs) such as calibration/testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. Organizations that comply with the MAURITAS requirements are granted accreditation by MAURITAS and are entitled to use the MAURITAS Accreditation symbol.

## About MAURITAS publications

MAURITAS publications are categorized as follows:

- R series Publications containing general policy and requirements related to MAURITAS accreditation.
- G series Publications providing guidance on MAURITAS requirements.
- A series Publications related to assessment procedures.
- Directories Classified listing of accredited organizations

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# MAURITAS fees - A guide for laboratories

## 1. Purpose

This document provides a guidance on the fees payable to MAURITAS by applicant and accredited laboratories for the various accreditation services provided.

## 2 Scope and Responsibilities

This document serves as a guidance for laboratories in preparing their annual budget for determining the accreditation fees to be paid to MAURITAS.

## 3. References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference to this text, constitute provisions of the MAURITAS accreditation system. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated MAURITAS references, the latest edition of the document referred to, applies. MAURITAS maintains a register of the current valid MAURITAS accreditation documents.

- 3.1 MAURITAS A8, Procedure for assessment – Laboratories.
- 3.2 Mauritius Accreditation Service (Laboratory Accreditation Fees) Regulations 2004.
- 3.3 Mauritius Accreditation Service (Laboratory Accreditation Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.
- 3.4 ISO/IEC 17000:2004: Conformity Assessment – Vocabulary and General Principles

## 4. Definitions

### 4.1 Laboratory

Body that calibrates and/or tests.

### 4.2 Calibration Fields

The fields, as specified in Section 7, in which calibration operations are to be carried out.

### 4.3 Testing Fields

The fields, as specified in Section 8, in which tests are to be carried out by scientific methods.

### 4.4 Assessment

Set of activities, including a visit, undertaken by MAURITAS to ensure that an applicant or accredited laboratory operates in compliance with the accreditation requirements.

### 4.5 Surveillance

On-site visit undertaken by MAURITAS to an accredited laboratory at periodic intervals to verify whether that laboratory operates in compliance with the accreditation requirements.

### 4.6 Man-day rate

Amount of money payable by an applicant or accredited laboratory to MAURITAS for assessment or surveillance conducted by an assessor for one day's duration (a day is assumed not to exceed 8 hours).

### 4.7 Site

Location where testing or calibration activities are being carried out.

## 5 Accreditation fees

### 5.1 Application fee

**5.1.1** A laboratory applying for MAURITAS accreditation should pay a non-refundable application fee of 6,500 rupees for each field of testing/calibration. This application fee includes document review and application for one Technical Signatory per field. The application form remains valid for a period of 24 months as from the date of application.

**5.1.2** A laboratory submitting an application for extension of accreditation within an accredited testing or calibration field should pay an application fee of 5,000 rupees.

**5.1.3** A laboratory submitting an application for approval of additional technical signatories should pay 6,500 rupees for each technical signatory to be evaluated.

**5.1.4** A laboratory requesting for a duplicate certificate of accreditation should pay an application fee of 1,000 rupees.

### 5.2 Annual fee

**5.2.1** An accredited laboratory will be required to pay an annual fee of 13,000 rupees, for the first testing/calibration field, upon the grant, maintenance and extension of accreditation.

**5.2.2** An accredited laboratory will be required to pay an annual fee of 6,500 rupees, for each additional testing/calibration field.

**5.2.3** An accredited laboratory wishing its other sites of testing/calibration to be accredited will be required to pay 6,500 rupees for each additional site of testing/calibration.

### 5.3 Assessor fee

**5.3.1** An assessor fee of 13,000 rupees on a man-day rate basis will be charged to the applicant laboratory for the following assessment visits, but not limited to:

- (i) pre-assessment
- (ii) assessment/re-assessment
- (iii) surveillance
- (iv) extension
- (v) approval of Technical Signatory
- (vi) extraordinary visit

**5.3.2** Laboratories will be charged for the total assessor man-days used for conducting pre-assessment, assessment and surveillance. In planning the yearly budget, laboratories could use the average values given below:

	No of days
Pre-assessment	1
Assessment/Re-assessment	2 - 3
Surveillance	1

**Note :** Please note that the assessment team may consist of one or more assessors as determined by MAURITAS.

**5.3.3** It should be noted that the assessment fee excludes travel and accommodation costs and traveling time, where applicable.

## **6. Revision of fees**

MAURITAS reserves the right to review the above fees as and when necessary.

## **7. VAT**

All fees are in Mauritian rupees and are inclusive of VAT.

## **8 Fields of Calibration**

- 8.1 Acoustics
- 8.2 Humidity
- 8.3 Viscosity
- 8.4 Volume
- 8.5 Thermal calibration
- 8.6 Dimensional Calibration
- 8.7 Flow
- 8.8 Mass
- 8.9 Electrical calibration
- 8.10 Temperature
- 8.11 Time and frequency
- 8.12 Force/hardness
- 8.13 Pressure

## **9 Fields of Testing**

- 9.1 Acoustical
- 9.2 Biological
- 9.3 Chemical
- 9.4 Electrical
- 9.5 Mechanical
- 9.6 Medical
- 9.7 Veterinary
- 9.8 Occupational
- 9.9 Health and Hygiene Testing
- 9.10 Environmental
- 9.11 Textiles and Garments Testing
- 9.12 Forensic
- 9.13 Construction Materials Testing
- 9.14 Non Destructive Testing
- 9.15 Food Testing