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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.

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.
- P series MAURITAS quality system procedures
- F series MAURITAS Forms
- Directories Classified listing of accredited organizations

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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 A Series documents
- 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: Conformity Assessment – Vocabulary and General Principles
- 3.5 ILAC/IAF JWG A-Series FAQ1

4. Definitions

4.1 Laboratory

Body that calibrates and/or tests.

4.2 Calibration Fields

The fields, as specified in Section 8, in which calibration operations are to be carried out.

4.3 Testing Fields

The fields, as specified in Section 9, 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 Assessor

A person assigned by an accreditation body to perform, alone or as part of an assessment team, an assessment of a conformity assessment body.

4.6 Technical Expert

A person assigned by an accreditation body to provide specific knowledge or expertise with respect to the scope of accreditation to be assessed. However, a technical expert can work in an area alone if an Assessor/Team Leader is available and periodically checking and communicating with the technical expert (this includes also keeping in touch via email or telephone or a mobile application).

4.7 Man-day rate

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

4.8 Site

Location where calibration or testing 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 calibration/testing. This application fee includes document review and application for one Technical Signatory. 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 calibration or testing 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 calibration/testing 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 calibration/testing field.

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

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/accredited laboratory for the following assessment visits, but not limited to:

- (i) preliminary visit
- (ii) initial assessment/re-assessment
- (iii) assessment
- (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 preliminary visit, initial assessment/re-assessment and assessments. In planning the yearly budget, laboratories could use the average values given below which is based on the example of a laboratory with one calibration/testing field:

	No of days	No of assessors	No of man-days
Preliminary visit	1	2	2
Initial Assessment/Re-assessment	2 – 3	2	4 - 6
Assessment	1 – 2	2	2 - 4

Note: Please note that the assessment team may consist of one or more Assessors/Technical Experts 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

10 Related Forms

- 10.1 Nil