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Impartiality Policy Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS)

Established as the national accreditation body of Mauritius, MAURITAS has as main function to provide a national, unified service for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies such as calibration and testing laboratories, inspection bodies and certification bodies.

We have implemented *ISO/IEC 17011:2017-Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies* to ensure that we operate competently, consistently and in an impartial manner in the delivery of accreditation services.

We undergo a Peer Evaluation exercise every four years to ensure that the services we deliver are internationally recognised and accepted.

Our accreditation services are open to all conformity assessment bodies, irrespective of their size, applying for accreditation within the scope of our accreditation schemes. Our accreditation policies, procedures and processes are non-discriminatory.

MAURITAS does not itself provide conformity assessment services or consultancy services that could jeopardize its independence and impartiality.

We have instilled the concept of impartiality in all the activities related to the MAURITAS accreditation process. All the MAURITAS staff, team leaders, assessors, technical experts and committee members have signed agreements whereby they commit to act in an objective manner and whereby they are obliged to disclose any potential conflict of interest.

MAURITAS has also adopted a process for identifying, analysing, evaluating, treating, monitoring and documenting, on a continuing basis, the risks to impartiality arising from its activities including any conflicts arising from its relationships or from the relationships of its personnel. The process includes the involvement of interested parties. Any residual risk is reviewed by the Director of MAURITAS to determine whether it is to an acceptable level.

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