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About

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In Singapore, the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) is the national accreditation body. Managed by Enterprise Singapore, SAC maintains the integrity and impartiality of conformity assessment practices. The Council builds global trust in Singapore's products and services by strengthening our country's technical infrastructure for conformity assessments, as well as in forging Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) with our economic partners.

SAC is represented by various interested parties from the industry, government, academia and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs). It is supported by 5 Council Committees as well as 11 Technical Committees with over 500 committee members and assessors, each overseeing specific fields and areas of accreditation.

What does SAC do?

SAC manages and promotes accreditation schemes and registration programmes by performing these functions:

- Assessing and giving recognition to competent conformity assessment bodies
- Facilitating partnerships with government bodies and the industry on accreditation matters
- Establishing and maintaining an international network for the mutual recognition and acceptance of conformity assessment reports and certificates across national borders
- Raising awareness and encouraging the adoption of accredited Testing, Inspection & Certification (TIC) services through outreach efforts and regular engagement with government bodies and the industry



What is Accreditation?

Accreditation enhances the credibility of laboratory tests, inspection, certification reports and certificates by providing reliable third party assurance that these services are conducted professionally and meet globally-recognised standards. Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) – such as testing and calibration laboratories, as well as certification and inspection bodies – are benchmarked against international standards. This ensures the competency, impartiality and performance capability of their services.



Vision

To be the trusted partner for assurance of quality products and services locally and globally

Mission

To deliver a robust accreditation framework and international recognition of Singapore-based enterprises

Our accreditation schemes provide independent third-party attestation of

- Auditing Organisations
- Greenhouse Gas Validation & Verification Bodies
- Inspection Bodies
- Laboratories
- Management System Certification Bodies
- Personnel Certification Bodies
- Product Certification Bodies
- Proficiency Testing Providers

We also administer the Singapore Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Compliance Programme.

We organise accreditation-related training courses such as scheme-specific conformity requirements, technical and management skillsets, and updates on international requirements.

A Global Passport for Singapore Enterprises

To help businesses access global markets, SAC has signed several mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs) which cover more than 90 economies. These MRAs are crucial in building confidence in the competency and capability of an international network of accredited CABs.

They serve as a global passport for Singapore enterprises, help companies gain acceptance in overseas markets and reduce the need for re-testing, re-inspection or re-certification of their products upon entry into importing countries. The international recognition helps companies reduce unnecessary costs and time when entering foreign markets.

We have established MRAs with the following regional and international organisations:



Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation

APAC is a merger of APLAC and PAC.

For Testing, Calibration, Medical, Inspection, Proficiency Testing Providers, and Certification of Quality Management System, Environmental Management System, Energy Management System, Food Safety Management System and Product Certification.



International Accreditation Forum

For Certification of Quality Management System, Environmental Management System, Energy Management System, Food Safety Management System, Product Certification and Personnel Certification.



International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

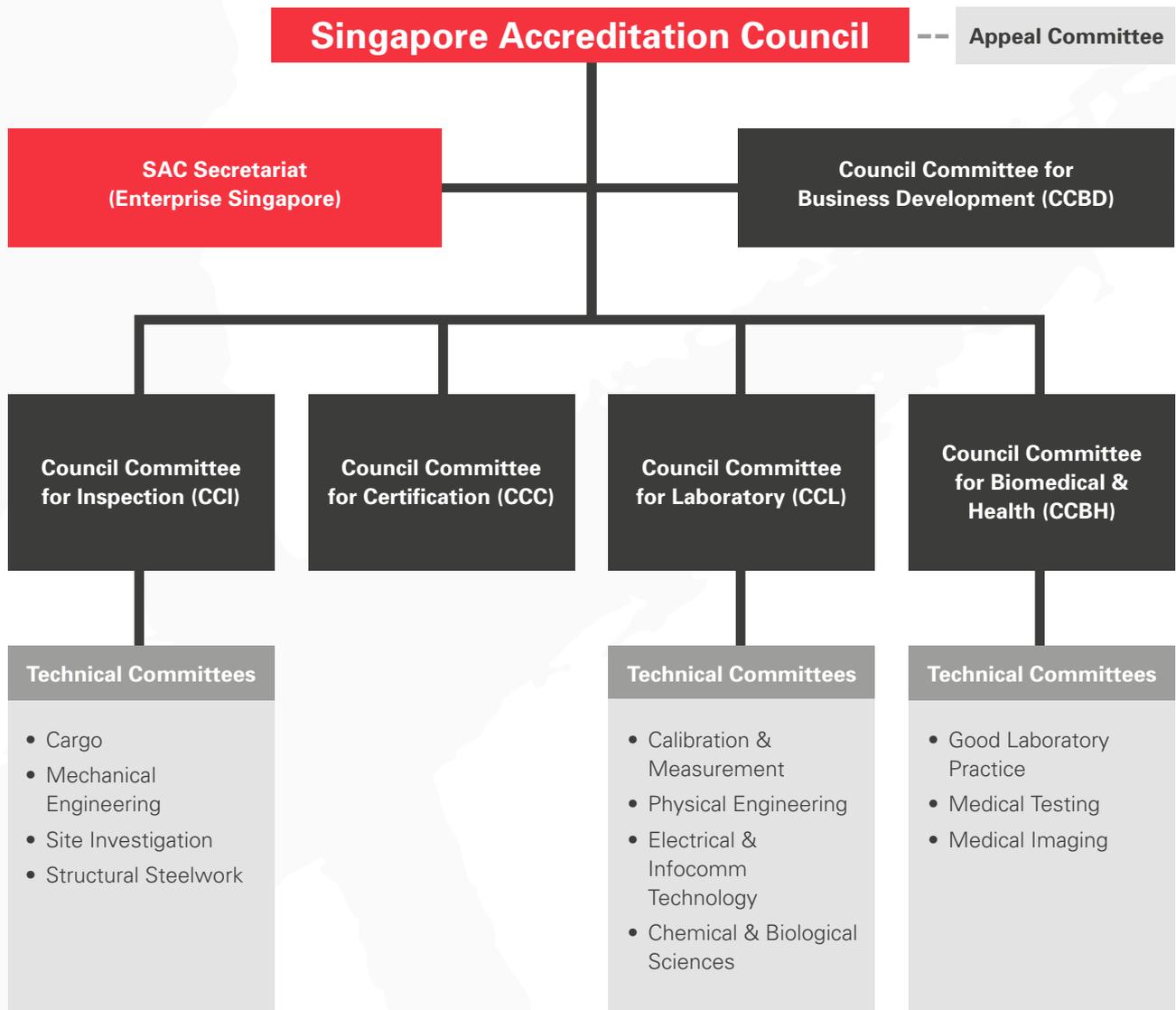
For Testing, Calibration and Inspection



Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

For Good Laboratory Practice Compliance Programme

SAC Organisation Chart



Benefits of SAC Accreditation

For Businesses

Accreditation offers assurance in the integrity of conformity assessment reports and certificates of your products or services – instilling confidence in stakeholders and promoting differentiated products and services to your customers.

- **Reduced risk and higher level of quality assurance**
Take the guesswork out of choosing a CAB. SAC-accredited CABs have been assessed according to internationally recognised conformity assessment frameworks, thereby ensuring that you get the quality service that best fulfils your requirements.
- **Reduced costs**
With accreditation, you save cost from the removal or reduction of:
 - Product failure
 - Downtime
 - Re-testing
 - Re-auditing
- **Facilitates global trade**
Overseas markets will be more ready to accept the reports of an accredited CAB, hence minimising technical barriers to trade.

As SAC is a signatory to many regional and international arrangements, this means that products and services that are tested and/or certified by accredited CABs in Singapore will also be more readily accepted in these signatory countries. By engaging a SAC accredited CAB, you will open more doors to business opportunities worldwide.

For Regulators/Specifiers

Accreditation gives regulators/specifiers greater confidence and trust in the services provided by CABs. This helps regulators/specifiers better evaluate for compliance, as part of fulfilling their obligations in policy setting and regulation. Accreditation also builds and reinforces public confidence in regulators/specifiers' commitment in assuring public safety, health and environment protection.

Additionally, accreditation helps to improve efficiency by eliminating the need for re-testing and re-sampling of goods and services. This is done through SAC's independent assessment of CABs, which provides objective assurance that they have met applicable standards.

For Conformity Assessment Bodies

Increase confidence in the integrity of your certifications and reports with accreditation. You can be assured that the results of your conformity assessments meet prevailing industry standards and best practices. Besides enhanced transparency, fair competition and service quality, the accreditation process also reveals any gaps in non-conformity to help you improve your operational performance.



Our Accreditation Process

Who can Apply?

The SAC accreditation schemes are open to all conformity assessment bodies (CABs) such as laboratories, inspection and certification bodies.

How to Get Accredited?

It can take between three to six months for organisations to obtain SAC accreditation. This is dependent on a number of factors, such as the degree of the organisation's compliance with requirements, the complexity of scope of accreditation and the availability of witnessing as well as clearance of incidences of non-conformance highlighted during the assessment.



The SAC Accreditation Process

1. CAB submits application on SACiNET

2. Document review

3. SAC conducts on-site assessment

4. CAB provides evidence of corrective actions for compliance with accreditation requirements

5. Approval for accreditation from SAC

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6. Issue of accreditation certificate and schedule on scope of accreditation

7. Conduct of annual surveillance assessment based on 4-year accreditation cycle

8. Re-assessment prior to expiry of accreditation certificate

Tip for Businesses

How Do You Identify a SAC Accredited Conformity Assessment Body?

You can identify a SAC accredited conformity assessment body (CAB) by SAC accreditation marks as proof of accreditation. Accredited reports or certificates carry the SAC mark, along with the unique SAC accreditation certificate number.

In addition, an accredited test or inspection report will include the following statement:

"The results reported herein have been performed in accordance with the terms of accreditation under the Singapore Accreditation Council"

Accreditation is granted for a specific scope of activities and not for all activities undertaken by the CABs. Thus, accredited CABs are only allowed to issue accredited reports for those tests, calibrations or inspections, or issue accredited certificates for the specific certification scopes which they have been accredited.





SAC Accreditation Marks

SAC Marks are trademarks registered under IPOS (Intellectual Property Office of Singapore). The marks help to identify conformity assessment bodies and services that have been accredited by SAC.



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