

The **Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA)** was set up by the Government on 28 August 1996 under the Standards of Malaysia Act 1996 (Act 549). Governed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), STANDARDS MALAYSIA operates as the sole national standards and accreditation body in the country.

As stipulated in the Act 549, the primary task of STANDARDS MALAYSIA with respect to accreditation is to be responsible for the assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (CABs). CAB, as defined by the MS ISO/IEC 17011: Conformity assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies, is a body that performs conformity assessment services and that can be the object of accreditation, such as laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. The Accreditation Division of STANDARDS MALAYSIA carries out this specific task.

Currently there are three accreditation schemes available, *Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia (SAMM)*, Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (**ACB**) and Malaysia Inspection Bodies Accreditation Scheme (**MIBAS**).

STANDARDS MALAYSIA performs the function of a Government accreditor and therefore the Government of Malaysia has adequate arrangements and resources to cover liabilities arising from its accreditation operations and related activities.

Financial resources required for the operation of the STANDARDS MALAYSIA are financed by an annual budget allocation from the Government. The accreditation fees collected are channeled to the Ministry of Finance as revenue of the Government.

STANDARDS MALAYSIA is staffed by full time technical administration officers and supporting staff to carry out the day-to-day operation. Its accreditation system operates in accordance with **MS ISO/IEC 17011**. It has access to a large pool of competent and qualified Lead Assessors, Technical Assessors and/or Technical Experts.

STANDARDS MALAYSIA's policies and procedures, their administration and implementation do not and shall not discriminate, inhibit or impede in any way against any CABs, who wishes to seek accreditation that falls within STANDARDS MALAYSIA accreditation activities. No application for accreditation shall be rejected without valid reasons being given.

Access to the scheme does not depend upon the size of the applicant CABs or membership of any association or group, nor shall STANDARDS MALAYSIA accreditation be conditional upon the number of CABs already accredited by STANDARDS MALAYSIA.

Fee schedules for the various schemes are made available to all clients prior to application. Other than the approved and published fees, there are no other undue financial conditions imposed.

STANDARDS MALAYSIA ensures its assessors including those sourced externally are impartial and without any conflict of interest with regard to an assessment assigned to them. All STANDARDS MALAYSIA's assessment personnel are required to sign individually a letter of Undertaking of Maintaining Confidentiality and Impartiality and Declaration of No Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics for STANDARDS MALAYSIA Assessors. These documents are part of the documented agreement covering these arrangements.

RELATED BODIES

STANDARDS MALAYSIA works hand-in-hand with several other government agencies such as Department of Chemistry, SIRIM Berhad, Malaysia Nuclear Agency, Ministry of Health, Department of Safety & Health, Fire and Rescue Department and other private agencies. Some of our assessors are drawn from these agencies for their technical expertise. On the other hand, STANDARDS MALAYSIA also accredits laboratories managed and owned by these bodies.

As a government department, STANDARDS MALAYSIA accords normal cooperation, as expected from any government agency, provides assistance, input, comments and feedback during meetings, discussions and dialogues on matters relating to accreditation and conformity assessment to the related bodies. We do not provide consultancy to any government conformity assessment bodies.

These related bodies, with respect to STANDARDS MALAYSIA, has:

- different top management,
- personnel different from those involved in the decision-making process of accreditation,
- no possibility to influence the outcome of an assessment for accreditation, and
- distinctly different name and logo.

Therefore, there is no conflict of interest and the activities of these related bodies do not affect the confidentiality, objectivity and impartiality of STANDARDS MALAYSIA's accreditations.



Accreditation is third-party attestation related to a conformity assessment body conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks.



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OUR ACCREDITATION SYMBOLS



SAMM



ACB



MIBAS

The National Standards and Accreditation Body

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