

The EA and UKAS Recognise the ISO17025 Interpretation Document for CEC Engine Test Methods

An International CEC Working Group, comprising members from the CEC Engine Testing fraternity plus Assessment and Accreditation Bodies, has for some time been working on a project to develop an ISO/IEC 17025 interpretation document, defining specific requirements for laboratories accredited and seeking accreditation for CEC Test Methods. In addition to assisting laboratories, the document was designed to help Accreditation Bodies apply a common standard on the interpretation of requirements, when assessing worldwide CEC Engine Testing laboratories to the International Standard, ISO/IEC 17025.

UKAS was an active member of that working group and a final draft document was submitted to the European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) in 2002.

The document has now been published, by the CEC, and has been recognised by the EA. It is included in the EA's list of Guidance Documents.

The published document, 'ISO17025 Interpretation Document for CEC Test Methods', can be viewed on the CEC website at <http://www.cectests.org/> under the heading of 'Quality'.

UKAS recognises this document and refers to it as a part of its assessment of CEC Engine Testing Laboratories for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025.

Accredited and Applicant Laboratories, for their part, during assessments need to demonstrate, with documentary evidence where appropriate, their compliance with these and all other ISO/IEC 17025 requirements.