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**Standardised Accreditation Scope Terms – Glossary and change mapping**

Digital schedules introduce a standardised approach to describing accredited scopes. This ensures clarity and consistency across all UKAS customers enabling the market to better interpret and compare services.

Standardising the accreditation scope terms used is a significant and complex task. Our internal technical teams have been reviewing and aligning the schedules to the standardised accreditation scope terms.

Going forward with digital schedules, we will use a standardised approach to describing accreditation scopes. To help you understand your new schedule, a glossary of terms has been created that maps the standardised accreditation scope terms, referred to as Master terms, to previously used terms. This approach is key to improving the consistency of public searches for accredited services on the UKAS website and it will create a level playing field for UKAS accredited organisations.

We will also be standardising the presentation and formatting of additional Standards, Schemes and Directives as well as other information contained on UKAS schedules.

The glossary lists here are not exhaustive, they are provided as examples of the types of currently used schedule terms and their conversion to standardised Master terms. These terms are subject to change where necessary following review and acceptance testing.

Once standardisation has been achieved, UKAS will manage the Master terms to ensure variability is not reintroduced. New Master terms will be added when required, but, and while customer input is valuable, UKAS reserve the right to use existing Master terms where these are deemed appropriate.

Master terms are primarily being defined for the ‘Object of conformity assessment’ and ‘Type of evaluation’ that are contained within current schedules of accreditation.

**Object of conformity assessment (object):**

Objects of conformity assessment are entities to which specified requirements apply. The object may be a product, process, service, system, installation, project, data, design, material, claim, person, body or organisation.

Objects of conformity assessment will usually be presented on UKAS schedules of accreditation in BLOCK CAPITALS.

The table below gives broad definitions of what the object usually is for each type of conformity assessment body, although please note there may be some exceptions. Some commonly used examples of objects of conformity assessment are given.

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| Type of Conformity Assessment Body | Object definition | Example Objects |
| Calibration laboratories | Type of calibration | VOLUME  ELECTRICAL |
| Testing laboratories  Medical laboratories  Biobanking | Type of sample | FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS  HUMAN BODY SAMPLES |
| Physiological services  Imaging services  Medical physics and clinical engineering | Modality | AUDIOLOGY  DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING  NUCLEAR MEDICINE – THERAPY ACTIVITIES |
| Proficiency testing providers | Type of PT material | FOOD SAMPLES  HUMAN DNA |
| Reference material producers | Type of reference material | CHEMICAL PRODUCTS  GAS MIXTURES |
| Certification bodies | System, personnel and/or products, processes and services being certified | ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS  PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION  TRANSPORT AND STORAGE SERVICES |
| Inspection bodies | Type of inspection | SURVEYING FOR ASBESTOS IN PREMISES  SCENE OF CRIME  LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENT |
| Validation/verification bodies | Item(s) being validated/verified | VERIFICATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS DATA |

**Type of evaluation (ToE):**

The type of evaluation varies according to the type of conformity assessment body and Standard. Broadly, the ToE is a high-level description of the evaluation being carried out under accreditation, or the item/property under evaluation.

The table below gives broad definitions of what the ToE usually is for each type of conformity assessment body, although please note there may be some exceptions. Some commonly used example types of evaluation are given.

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| Type of Conformity Assessment Body | ToE definition | Example ToEs |
| Calibration laboratories | Item/property being calibrated | Pipettes  AC Current |
| Testing laboratories  Medical laboratories | Technical area and/or purpose of testing | Chemical testing  Microbiology examination for the purpose of clinical diagnosis |
| Biobanking | Type of activity | Preparation/preservation  Storage |
| Physiological services  Imaging services  Medical physics and clinical engineering | Subspecialty of modality | Adult Tinnitus Service  Computed Tomography  Physics services for External Beam Radiotherapy treatment of Adults |
| Proficiency testing providers | Type of scheme | Food Schemes  Microbiology Schemes |
| Reference material producers | Type of reference material | Certified Reference Material  Reference material |
| Certification bodies | Management system technical area  Criteria for personnel, product, process or service certification | IAF Code for QMS and EMS certification ([IAF ID 1:2023](https://iaf.nu/iaf_system/uploads/documents/IAF_ID1_2023_Issue_3_Version2_13062023.pdf))  Nationally Accredited Certification Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives  Beef and Lamb Standards |
| Inspection bodies | Technical area and/or purpose of inspection | Health and Hygiene  SSIP Approved: Contractor |
| Validation/verification bodies | Programmes, protocols etc. used for validating / verifying items | Voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reporting programmes (ISO 14064-1:2006 and ISO 14064-1:2018) |

In many instances, previously used terms will remain on the Schedule of Accreditation, although these terms will be ‘details’ or ‘subsets’ of the Master terms. For example, the term ‘Dairy Products’ will be a detail of the Master term ‘FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS’ for testing, ‘Serum, Plasma’ will be details of ‘HUMAN BODY SAMPLES’ for medical testing, ‘AC Current’ will be a detail of ‘ELECTRICAL’ calibration, ‘Categories II, III and IV Approval of permanent joining personnel’ will be a detail of ‘PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION’, etc.

Master terms glossary and change mapping documents for each accreditation Standard can be accessed here: