

# Technical Bulletin: Understanding AI in accredited conformity assessment - AI Technical Bulletins

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UKAS is committed to supporting Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) as they develop and adopt artificial intelligence (AI), both within internal support functions and as part of conformity assessment activities.

To support this, we have published two complementary technical bulletins. These documents are designed to be read together, providing practical guidance to different audiences within accredited organisations.

Importantly, neither bulletin introduces new or additional requirements for accreditation. Instead, they are intended to help CABs identify, interpret, and contextualise existing requirements in a rapidly evolving area.

The relevant ISO/IEC standards used for accreditation remain the authoritative source, and existing requirements continue to apply unchanged, including where AI systems are used.

## Our AI Technical Bulletins

### UKAS Technical Bulletin on AI

Published in June 2025, [this bulletin](#) is structured in alignment with ISO/IEC Level 3 standards, presented on a clause-by-clause basis. It is particularly useful for those responsible for implementing and maintaining accreditation requirements, offering detailed insight into how existing clauses may be considered in the context of AI.

#### Who is this for?

- Quality managers
- Technical managers
- Accreditation leads
- Those responsible for compliance with ISO/IEC 17000 series standards

### Joint UKAS–DAkKS Technical Bulletin

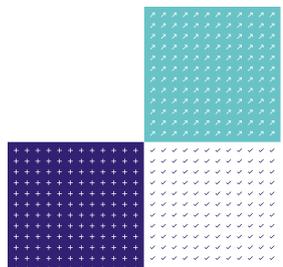
This joint bulletin, developed with DAkKS, sets out shared considerations from both Accreditation Bodies. It provides high-level, internationally aligned guidance on the responsible development, deployment, and use of AI technologies by CABs.

The document focuses on safe and appropriate use of AI in accreditation contexts, using terminology and concepts consistent with international practice.

- [Download the Joint Bulletin \(English\) here](#)
- [Download the Joint Bulletin \(German\) here](#)

#### Who is this for?

- Senior leadership teams
- Strategy and innovation leads
- Those exploring or planning AI adoption
- Stakeholders seeking a broader, principle-based overview



## Developing practical case studies

We recognise that AI adoption is evolving rapidly, and practical examples are essential to support safe and effective implementation.

Over the coming year, we intend to update the joint bulletin with a series of case studies aligned to ISO/IEC 17000 Level 3 standards. These will reflect real-world applications across sectors most actively developing AI, providing practical, example-led guidance while safeguarding the integrity of accreditation.

**We are keen to hear from CABs and stakeholders who are actively developing or exploring AI solutions – even at concept stage – who are interested in featuring in an upcoming case study.**

**If you would be interested in contributing to discussions or sharing insights to support case study development, please get in touch by emailing [communications@ukas.com](mailto:communications@ukas.com)**

## Notification to your National Accreditation Body (NAB)

As part of maintaining effective communication and ongoing compliance, CABs are reminded of the expectation to inform your (NAB), at the earliest opportunity, of any significant planned changes.

The adoption of AI technologies is considered a notable development and should be notified accordingly. This allows potential impacts to be reviewed and, where appropriate, additional assessment activities to be considered.

Notifications should include, as a minimum:

- + A brief description of the AI system, including its intended function or purpose, the training data or knowledge used, and the implementation approach (e.g. machine learning methods or algorithms)
- + Where the AI system is used within the conformity assessment process or wider functional approach
- + The degree of reliance on the AI system (for example: administrative support, decision-support, or any level of automated decision-making)