

# 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.

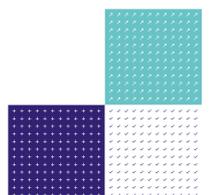
Going forward with digital schedules, we will use a standardised approach to describing accreditation scopes. To help you understand your new schedule, a glossary of terms has been created that maps the standardised accreditation scope terms, referred to as Master terms, to previously used terms. This 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.



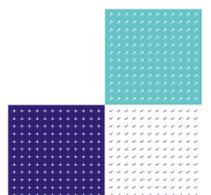
## Object of conformity assessment (object):

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.

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



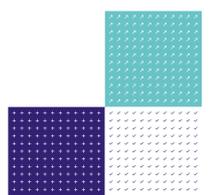
## Type of evaluation (ToE):

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.

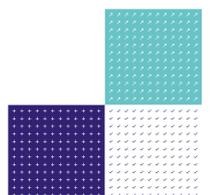
Type of Conformity Assessment Body	ToE definition	Example ToEs
Calibration laboratories	Item/property being calibrated	Pipettes AC Current
Testing laboratories Medical laboratories	Technical area and/or purpose of testing	Chemical testing Microbiology examination for the purpose of clinical diagnosis
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 ( <a href="#">IAF ID 1:2023</a> ) 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.

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