

Publications update



April 2026

This update is to notify you of changes to [UKAS Publications](#) and issue of [Technical Bulletins](#) during the past month.

Organisations are required to comply with current editions of all UKAS publications relevant to their accreditation or application. As well as UKAS publications, accredited and applicant organisations should be aware of international publications relevant to their area of accreditation, available from the [EA](#) or [IAF / ILAC / Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated](#)* websites.

***Note:** on 1st January 2026, Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) assumed the roles of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). For more information, please see the related [Press Release](#).

Accredited and applicant organisations, and Assessors currently engaged by UKAS, must check that they either have an up-to-date copy of each publication relevant to their activities or have web access available to be able to access those documents as required.

Publications

The following new / revised publications have been issued this month:

Relevant to **Laboratories**:

- [LAB 31](#) Use of culture media procured ready-to-use or partially completed and diagnostic test kits in microbiological testing (Edition 5)

Technical Bulletins

The following Technical Bulletins have been posted this month:

- [Control and transfer of certificates issued for permanent joining procedures and personnel qualifications](#)
 - [UK ETS scope expansion to include domestic maritime activities](#)
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EA / Global AIC Publications

Details of relevant EA and Global AIC new and revised publications:

- [EA-4/20 G:2026](#) Guidance for the assessment of laboratories against EN ISO 15189:2022 Point-of Care Testing (POCT) (21st April 2026_rev02)
 - [EA-4/21 INF:2026](#) Guidelines for the assessment of the appropriateness of small interlaboratory comparisons within the process of accreditation (21st April 2026_rev01)
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Consultations

The following draft UKAS publications are out for consultation until **29 May 2026**:

Relevant to **Inspection Bodies**:

- [RG 201](#) Accreditation of bodies carrying out incident scene examination (Edition 4)
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Withdrawals

No UKAS publications have been withdrawn this month.

Changes since the last edition

A full [UKAS Publications list](#) is available from the website.

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