

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Accreditation Information Sheet

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ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is an independent, non-governmental organization that develops consistent standards for organizations that perform testing, sampling or calibration in agricultural, environmental, healthcare, or other areas. It assists manufacturing facilities, clients and regulators in assuring testing conformity and reliability in results. More detailed information about the program can be found here:

<https://www.iso.org/files/live/sites/isoorg/files/store/en/PUB100424.pdf>

<https://www.iso.org/home.html>

Gaining accreditation through the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 program is required for Marijuana Testing Facilities to become certified in the State of Maine to test marijuana products as part of its Adult Use Marijuana Program. The process of gaining accreditation requires a facility to demonstrate adherence to quality assurance and technical competence standards.

Marijuana Testing Facilities will need to use a third-party organization to acquire ISO/IEC accreditation. The third-party organization will provide assistance in guiding facilities through the requirements for accreditation and would grant accreditation to the facility if the facility seeking accreditation meets all requirements.

A list of organizations which provide accreditation services is provided below:

- The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB): <https://www.anab.org/>
- The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA): <https://www.a2la.org/>
- Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA): <http://www.pjllabs.com/>
- International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS): <https://www.iasonline.org/>
- COLA: <https://www.cola.org/cannabis-laboratory-accreditation/>

It should be noted that the accreditation process can take several months to a year for completion.



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