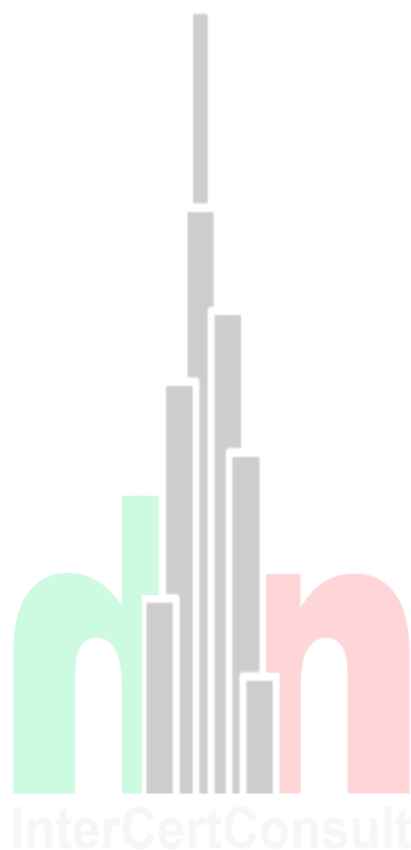


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Egyptian Accreditation Council - EGAC

ILAC MRA Scope:

- Calibration: ISO/IEC 17025
- Testing: ISO/IEC 17025
- Medical Testing: ISO 15189
- Inspection: ISO/IEC 17020
- Proficiency Testing Providers: ISO/IEC 17043

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What is EGAC

The Egyptian Accreditation Council was Established by Presidential Decree No. 312 for Year 1996 to Become the Only National Body Competent in the Arab Republic of Egypt to Evaluate/Assess and Accredite Conformity Assessment Bodies, which are (Testing Laboratories/ Calibration Laboratories / Inspection Bodies / Certification

Bodies of Management Systems / Medical Testing Laboratories / Product Certification Bodies/ Technical Proficiency Testing Service Providers /Proficiency Testing Bodies/ Personal Certification Bodies/ Halal Certification Bodies/ Forensic Laboratories /Biobanks Laboratories).

Presidential Decree No. 248 of Year 2006 was also Issued to Reorganize the Egyptian Accreditation Council and Grant EGAC Technical, Administrative and Financial Independence to Assess and Accredite Conformity Assessment Bodies in Egypt, The Authority of the Egyptian Accreditation Council Comes from the Authority Granted to it by the State.

The Egyptian Accreditation Council is a Government Organization Affiliated to the Ministry of industry and is a Non-Profitable Organization.

Also, the Presidential Decree number 248/2006 has re-organized the Egyptian Accreditation Council as the sole accreditation body in Egypt and gave it the technical, administrative and financial independence for the assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in Egypt.

Responsibilities of Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)

- Set up a System for Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies, and Issue Accreditation Certificates.
- Grant, Extend, Reduce, Renew, Suspend, or Withdraw Accreditation for Conformity Assessment Bodies.
- Carry out Continuous Surveillance of the Accredited Bodies.
- Contribute to Upgrading the Quality of Services of Conformity Assessment Bodies According to the International Criteria.
- Encourage the Exchange of Experience Among Different Accreditation Bodies.
- Support Mutual Recognition Between Conformity Assessment Bodies Working in Egypt and Abroad and Conclude Agreements for this Purpose.
- Represent the State Abroad in Accreditation Activities and Cooperate with Corresponding Bodies.

Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) Objectives

- To Provide an Accreditation Service in Accordance with International Requirements.
- To Sharing Improving the Standards of Calibration, Testing, Inspection, and Certification in Egypt to Meet the Requirements of International Standards.
- To Provide Assessment Services in Support of Governmental Regulations and Initiatives.

- To Establish and Maintain Mutual Recognition with International and Regional Accreditation Bodies Operating to Equivalent Standards.
- To Reduce the Need for Multiple Assessments.

Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) Vision

- To Participate Effectively in the International Accreditation.
- To be Recognized by the Stakeholders as the Value Adding and Cost-Effective Provider of Choice.
- To Support the Credibility of the Practice of the Conformity Assessment to National and International Standards.
- The services are provided in a professional, transparent and independent way with integrity

Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) Mission

- To Ensure efficiency of conformity assessment bodies providing services (Testing Laboratories / Calibration Laboratories / Inspection Bodies / Certification Bodies of Management Systems / Medical Testing Laboratories / Product Certification Bodies/ Technical Proficiency Testing Service Providers /Proficiency Testing Bodies/ Personal Certification Bodies/ Halal Certification Bodies/ Forensic Laboratories/ Biobanks Laboratories).
- To Achieve International Recognition of the Egyptian National Quality System and Maintain it.
- To Enhance the Competitiveness of the Egyptian Industry.
- To Improve the Image of the Egyptian Products and Enhance its Competitiveness.

Accreditation Services:

In Accordance with Accepted Established Principles of Quality Assurance and the Internationally Agreed Requirements and Recommendations for the Operation of Accreditation Systems.

EGAC Accreditation is Provided to the Conformity Assessment Bodies Such that to Meet the Requirements of the International Standards.

EGAC Accreditation Scopes:

- Testing Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)
- Calibration Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)
- Medical Testing Laboratories (ISO 15189)
- Management System Certification Bodies (ISO /IEC 17021)
- HALAL Certification Bodies
- Inspection Bodies (ISO/IEC 17020)
- Persons Certification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17024)
- Product Certification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17065)
- Technical Proficiency Testing Service Providers (ISO/IEC 17043)
- Forensic Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025 and/or ISO/IEC 17020)
- Biotechnology — Biobanking Laboratories (ISO 20387)

- Validation and Verification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17029 / ISO/IEC 14065)

What is International Recognition Accreditation?

International Recognition of Accreditation Means Acceptance of the Outputs of Conformity Assessment Bodies Approved by the Egyptian Accreditation Council in All Countries of the World Signatory to the Convention on International Recognition from International Organizations Related to Accreditation, which are Other Accreditation Bodies.

And also accepting reports and certificates of conformity assessment bodies applied to international standards in all countries of the world that are signatories to the Mutual Recognition Agreement from international organizations related to accreditation.

International Recognition of Accreditation Means competency, impartiality, independence, integrity, and transparency.

Benefits of Obtaining International Recognition Certificates

- Approval is Accepted in All Countries of the World Without the Need to Repeat Reports and Conform Again.
- Confirm the Validity and Credibility of the Recognized Accreditation Body and that it Works in Accordance with International Specifications and Standards.
- Reducing the Risks that Companies and their Customers may be Exposed to by Obtaining an Internationally Recognized Accreditation Certificate.
- Strengthening Credit as an Effective Mechanism to Provide Confidence in Goods and Services, Which is Necessary to Facilitate Global Trade.

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