

In addition to this, Malaysia has also been accepted into the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) in the field of testing since 16 January 2003. Meanwhile for the field of calibration, Malaysia was accepted into the ILAC MRA on 19 November 2003.

This entry into the ILAC MRA signifies international endorsement of confidence on the competence and integrity of laboratory accreditation provided by STANDARDS MALAYSIA. The signing of the ILAC MRA further enhances STANDARDS MALAYSIA's role as the national accreditation body within the country's conformity assessment infrastructure.

IMPORTANCE OF ACCREDITATION

SAMM Accreditation signifies two things to you, the customer:

- The laboratory has the ability and competence to do specific tests, measurements or calibrations.
- The laboratory undergoes regular independent assessments to help ensure it is providing the best possible service to you.

It is this initial and on-going assessment of a laboratory by SAMM that gives you confidence in the quality of service and validity of test data. Test reports and calibration certificates from SAMM accredited laboratory are recognised worldwide.

**Please refer to APLAC website
www.aplac.org or
ILAC website www.ilac.org
for the latest update on APLAC and
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WHAT IS SAMM?

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- SAMM is open to any testing or calibration laboratories irrespective of its application – private, government or in-house.
- SAMM is managed by the Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA).
- SAMM accredits almost every testing facility and technology – from chemical testing to engineering.
- SAMM only accredits those facilities that meet all its criteria for testing / calibration competence and sound laboratory practice.
- SAMM rigorously examines and re-examines every accredited facility at regular intervals.
- SAMM promotes the interests of laboratories and their clients locally and in overseas markets.



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OBJECTIVES OF SAMM

- to grant formal recognition to laboratories with proven capability and competence in specific fields of calibration and/or testing.
- to reduce the need for multiple assessments on laboratories.
- to upgrade the status and standard of calibration and testing laboratories in the country.
- to promote the acceptance, both in Malaysia and overseas, of calibrations and tests performed by SAMM accredited laboratories.

RECOGNITION

Malaysia, through STANDARDS MALAYSIA has been accepted into the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APLAC MRA) in the field of testing on 14 November 2002. This historic occasion took place in Vancouver, Canada. A year later, its status as a signatory of the MRA has been extended to include calibration with effect from 13 November 2003.

In 2007, STANDARDS MALAYSIA extended recognition in the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APLAC MRA) for its Medical Testing field on 18 April 2007.