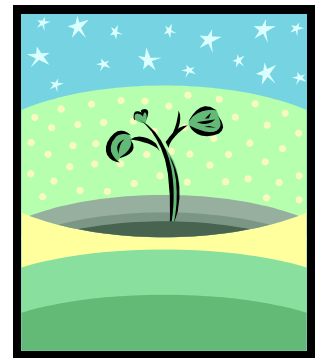


Flexible Scopes of Accreditation

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Both UK and Irish accreditation bodies make provision for flexible scopes of accreditation in their regulations for ISO 17025:2005 accreditation. These enable laboratories to quickly add new tests that lie within their established areas of competence tests to their schedules of accreditation without immediate submission of information to the accreditation body. It may also be possible to include on the scope of accreditation generic test procedures that cover ranges of similar analytes, similar matrices and similar techniques.

Savant Technologies can provide guidance in the development and adaption of existing accredited laboratory management systems to include flexible scopes and generic procedures.



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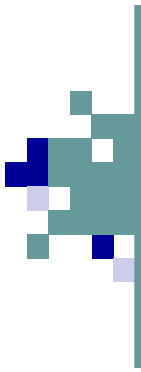
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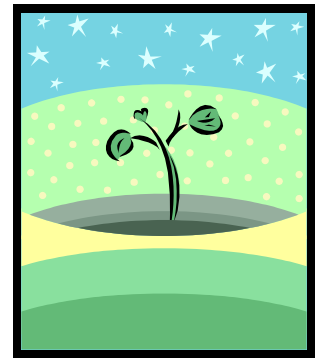
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The use of flexible scopes is restricted to accredited laboratories with established areas of competence in terms of analyte, sample type and analytical technique. The specific procedures for managing the flexible scopes will make reference to existing quality procedures covering aspects such as customer contract review, method validation, estimation of measurement uncertainty, quality control, staff authorisation and training, reporting and record keeping. Some of these may need to be expanded to incorporate the requirements of the flexible processes. Accreditation bodies have different processes for adding tests to the schedule of accreditation but all require a high degree of record keeping that will be inspected in detail during surveillance visits.



PREPARATION FOR INITIAL ACCREDITATION, OR FOR EXTENSION TO SCOPE OF TESTING

TRAINING IN ALL ASPECTS OF LABORATORY QUALITY SYSTEMS

TRAINING IN AUDITING

TRIAL AUDITS BEFORE ASSESSMENT VISITS

STATISTICS TRAINING:

STATISTICAL TOOLS FOR ANALYTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

ESTIMATION OF MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

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