

# PJLA Update Notification

## **Update Notification # 9**

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**Form/Procedure/Policy:** Updates to PJLA DoD ELAP Accreditation Criteria

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PJLA Applicant/Accredited Laboratories

CC: PJLA Assessors and Staff

Attention all DoD ELAP Accredited and Applicant Laboratories:

PJLA has recently been informed by the EDQW that all laboratories accredited under the DoD ELAP program would be expected to adhere to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 in its entirety including any additional requirements of the accrediting body. In the past, PJLA has completed a full system assessment to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 on all laboratories, since the DoD QSM 4.1 encompasses them already. However, we did not assess laboratories to our additional requirements such as our policies on Proficiency Testing (PL-1), Measurement Traceability (PL-2) and Measurement Uncertainty (PL-3) as well as our accreditation symbol procedure (SOP-3). By being assessed to these additional requirements will provide laboratories with both a DoD ELAP accreditation and ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation. This also allows laboratories to promote their global recognition through their ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation, by being an ILAC recognized facility. All laboratories applying for the DoD ELAP accreditation will now be expected to adhere to the above requirement documents. Those laboratories that have already been assessed by PJLA, will be expected to adhere to these requirements by their next upcoming assessment. These documents can be located and downloaded from the PJLA website at [www.pjlab.com](http://www.pjlab.com) under the PJLA document section. Once each laboratory is assessed and the assessment material is successfully reviewed by our committee, certificates will reflect compliance to both standards. For those laboratories wishing to have a separate certificate with a different scope other than what is reflected on the DoD ELAP certificate will be charged accordingly. We ask that you inform us of this request if applicable.

We thank you for your participation in regards to these changes. If you have any questions in regards to the above, please feel free to contact PJLA at anytime.

Thank you.