

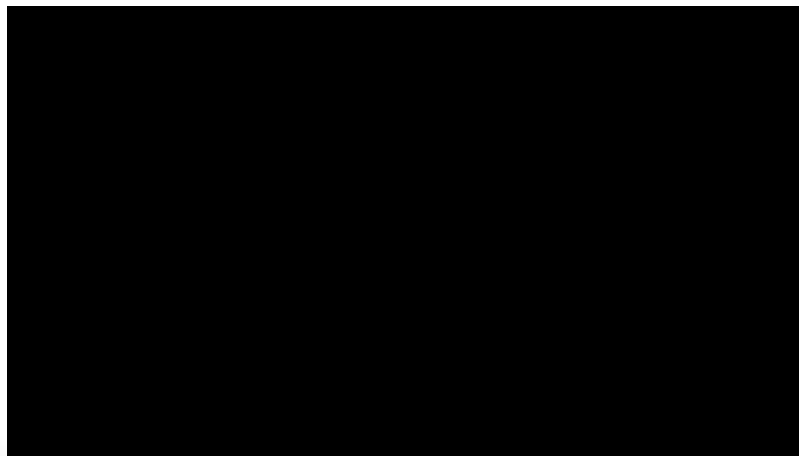
**Role of
Pakistan National Accreditation Council
In
Quality, Productivity and Innovation**



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Application of Accreditation



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Basic Definitions

- ❑ Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs): organizations such as laboratories, inspection agencies and certification bodies are CABs
- ❑ Standardization: complying with international/national standards
- ❑ Accreditation: is a process by which a body or person can be assessed for competence
- ❑ Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)
- ❑ Multi-Lateral Arrangements (MLA)

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Establishment of PNAC

- ❑ **Cabinet Approval 1998**
- ❑ **Operationalization of PNAC 2001**
- ❑ **Draft Bill in the process of approval**

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Objectives of PNAC

- To launch accreditation of conformity assessment schemes in order to protect health, safety and environment affecting technical barriers to trade
- To achieve and maintain the international credibility of PNAC through constant peer evaluation
- To build confidence of all stakeholders on the accreditation system through international acceptance (MRA/MLA)
- To raise awareness among the stakeholders on the use of accreditation as a tool for gaining confidence

Schemes launched

- Test/ Cal Labs (ISO/IEC 17025 since 2002)
- CBs on QMS/ EMS (ISO 17021 since 2002)
- Medical Labs (ISO 15189 since 2006)
- Inspection Bodies (ISO 17020 since 2009)
- Halal CB (PS 4992 since 2012)
- Product certification (ISO 17065 since 2015)
- PT providers (ISO 17043 since 2015)
- Personal CBs (ISO 17024 since 2016)

Full Member of all Apex bodies for Accreditation

- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
- Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC)
- International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF)

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Recent achievements in the last two years 2015-2016

- Launched news schemes: Product, PT, Personnel
- Awarded first accreditation to Halal CBs, PT, Product
- Conducted trainings other Accreditation Bodies/ countries (Afghanistan , Bangladesh , Indonesia)
- Prepared a new website for PNAC
- Conducted approx. 20 training courses
- Conducted 40—50 awareness sessions around the country
- Accreditation requests from other countries
- Submitted for scope expansions for MRA/ MLA in product, medical, PT

Future Plan in the next 3-5 years

Scope expansion for MRA/ MLA in new schemes

- Inspection bodies according to ISO 17020
- Personnel certification scheme according to ISO 17024
- Certified reference material producers according to 17034
- GLP/ GMP, Organic, GHG, Forestry, etc

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Role that PNAC can play in QPI

- Awareness programs for stakeholders through seminars, workshops, print and electronic media (industry, association, laboratory, policy makers, regulators, journalists, economists, bankers, certification bodies, inspection bodies, exporters, importers, academia, consumers etc)
- Specific trainings on implementing international standards (CABs, industry, healthcare units)
- Award accreditation to CABs which fulfill the requirements

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Thank you very much