



# Pennsylvania Accreditation Center

PAC Cross-Frontier

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## PAC Cross-Frontier Policy

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## HISTORY OF THE DOCUMENT

Version number	Reason(s) of revision	Scope of the revision

## 1. PURPOSE



The purpose of this document is to define the procedures and provisions for cross-frontier accreditation and cooperation with accreditation body's that are signatories to MLA/MRA/BLA agreements of AFRAC, ARAC, EA, IAF and ILAC.

## 2. SCOPE

This document is describing PAC policy rules for the accreditation and assessment of CABs registered and/or acting outside the USA and for the assessment of CABs in USA on requesting accreditation from foreign accreditation bodies.

## 3. REFERENCE

ILAC-G21:09/2012 Cross-Frontier Accreditation Principles for Cooperation

IAF MD12:2016 Accreditation Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies with Activities in Multiple Countries

## 4. DEFINITIONS

- **PAC:** Somali Quality Control Department - Accreditation Unit.
- **Foreign accreditation body:** Foreign Accreditation Body refers to an Accreditation Body when it accredits a conformity assessment body which has sites with key activities in another country than the country of the accreditation body accrediting it.
- **CAB:** conformity assessment body

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- **PAC DG:** Approval of the document
- **PAC Accreditation Director:** compliance with rules outlined in this document

## 6. POLICY

### 6.1 ACCREDITATION OF CABS REGISTERED AND/OR ACTING OUTSIDE USA

PAC is a multi-national AB. So, PAC does undertake accreditation activities outside USA and it fulfills the accreditation needs of local and national CABs. This will be upon the written request and approval of the CAB.

### 6.2 COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN ACCREDITATION BODIES

- As PAC is not a signatory to the ILAC Arrangement yet, the foreign accreditation body should try to cooperate with PAC so as to provide PAC with the opportunity to gain experience to apply for the ILAC Arrangement.
- PAC shall seek making arrangements for cooperation to the greatest extent practicable with foreign accreditation bodies by using PAC personnel, as appropriate, on the assessment team.



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- If it is not possible to include personnel from PAC on the assessment team, cooperation with the foreign accreditation body should be extended to seek the possibility to have PAC observe the assessment, subject to acceptance by the applicant.

## 7. Related Documents

No related documents.