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4.2 Application for Accreditation

4.2.1 General

4.2.1.1 MAURITAS accepts applications for accreditation made on the relevant Application Forms for each programme (F series). The relevant application form makes provision for an authorised representative of the CAB to provide information such as:

- a) legal entity, name, address(es), legal status and human and technical resources;
- b) CAB relationship in a larger entity if any, addresses of all its physical location(s) and information on activities conducted at all locations including virtual site(s);
- c) a clearly defined scope of accreditation for which the CAB seeks accreditation, including limits of capability, where applicable;
- d) a commitment to continually fulfil the requirements for accreditation and the other obligations of the CAB.

4.2.1.2 The applicant CAB needs to provide all information requested in the Application Form and the Self-Assessment Checklist/Cross Assessment Matrices to demonstrate that the accreditation requirements are addressed prior to MAURITAS start planning the assessment. In addition, the applicant CAB also needs to submit the Quality Information including policies and all its associated procedures to demonstrate that MAURITAS requirements have been addressed prior to the start of the accreditation process.

4.2.1.3 MAURITAS will then carry out an application review to determine whether it can proceed further with the application for accreditation.

4.2.1.4 At any point in the application or initial assessment process, if there is evidence of fraudulent behaviour, or the CAB intentionally provides false information or if the CAB conceals information, or, in addition, if the CAB deliberately violates accreditation rules, as per established procedure, MAURITAS shall reject the application or terminate the assessment process. Where a CAB is providing third-party conformity assessment to IAF MLA or ILAC MRA Level 1 to 4 standards used as a basis for accrediting CABs (e.g. ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17020, ISO 15189) as per established procedure, MAURITAS shall terminate the CAB's application process. Further decisions by MAURITAS shall be based on the actions taken by the CAB.

4.2.1.5 Following the document review, if a preliminary visit is recommended to be conducted prior to the initial assessment as per **MAURITAS A8, A9** or **A30**, the visit should be conducted with the agreement of the CAB. MAURITAS will carry out only one preliminary visit per application to avoid risk of consultancy.

4.2.1.6 MAURITAS will follow the provisions of ILAC G21 or IAF MD12 and IAF ML4 when called upon to carry out accreditation in foreign member states in the context of cross-frontier accreditation as per **MAURITAS P13**.

4.2.1.7 MAURITAS will follow the provisions of the signed contract agreement between MAURITAS and the foreign accreditation body when carrying out joint accreditation of CABs as per **MAURITAS P14**.

4.2.2 Cross Reference

4.2.2.1 MAURITAS P13, P14, A8, A9, A30, F 3.15, F 3.16, F 3.19, F 3.23, F 3.32, F 4.01, F 4.10, F 4.11, F 4.16, F 4.17, ILAC G21, IAF MD12 and IAF ML4

Appendix A: Amendment Table

SN	Section	Amendment
Issue 1, Rev 5		
1.	4.2.1.2	“/Cross Assessment Matrices” has been added after “Assessment Checklist” in line 2
2.	4.2.1.5	“and” has been removed in “ MAURITAS A8 and A9 ” in line 2; “or A30 ” has been added in line 2
3.	4.2.2.1	Reference to A30, F 4.16 and F 4.17 has been added