

Foreword

The MAURITIUS ACCREDITATION SERVICE (MAURITAS) is a government body established in 1998 to provide a national, unified service for the accreditation of organizations performing calibration, testing sampling or inspection and of organizations that certify products, personnel or systems, including environmental management systems. Organizations that comply with the MAURITAS requirements are granted accreditation by MAURITAS and are entitled to use the MAURITAS Accreditation logo.

About MAURITAS publications

MAURITAS publications are categorized as follows:

- R series Publications containing general policy and requirements related to MAURITAS accreditation.
- G series Publications providing guidance on MAURITAS requirements.
- A series Publications related to assessment procedures.
- Directories Classified listing of accredited organizations

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MAURITAS fees - A guide for laboratories

1 Introduction

This Guide describes the fees payable to MAURITAS by MAURITAS accredited laboratories.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference to this text, constitute provisions of the MAURITAS accreditation system. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated MAURITAS references, the latest edition of the document referred to, applies. MAURITAS maintains a register of the current valid MAURITAS accreditation documents.

2.1 **MAURITAS A8**, Procedure for assessment – Laboratories.

2.2 Mauritius Accreditation Service (Laboratory Accreditation Fees) regulations 2004.

3 Definitions

3.1 *Laboratory*

Body that calibrates and/or tests.

3.2 *Calibration Fields*

The fields, as specified in Section 7, in which calibration operations are to be carried out.

3.3 *Testing Fields*

The fields, as specified in Section 8, in which tests are to be carried out by scientific methods.

3.4 *Assessment*

Set of activities, including a visit, undertaken by MAURITAS to ensure that an applicant or accredited laboratory operates in compliance with the accreditation requirements.

3.5 *Surveillance*

On-site visit undertaken by MAURITAS to an accredited laboratory at periodic intervals to verify whether that laboratory operates in compliance with the accreditation requirements.

3.6 *Man-day rate*

Amount of money payable by an applicant or accredited laboratory to MAURITAS for assessment or surveillance conducted by an assessor for one day's duration (a day is assumed not to exceed 8 hours).

3.7 *Site*

Location where testing or calibration activities are being carried out.

4 Accreditation fees

4.1 Application fee

4.1.1 A laboratory applying for MAURITAS accreditation shall pay a non-refundable application fee of 5,000 rupees for each field of testing/calibration. The application form shall remain valid for a period of 12 months as from the date of application.

4.2 Annual fee

4.2.1 An accredited laboratory will be required to pay an annual fee of 10,000 rupees, for the first testing/calibration field, upon the grant, maintenance and extension of accreditation.

4.2.2 An accredited laboratory will be required to pay an annual fee of 5,000 rupees, for each additional testing/calibration field.

4.2.3 An accredited laboratory wishing its other sites of testing/calibration to be accredited will be required to pay 5,000 rupees for each additional site of testing/calibration.

4.3 Assessor fee

4.3.1 An assessor fee of 10,000 rupees on a man-day rate basis will be charged to the applicant laboratory for

- (i) pre-assessment
- (ii) assessment
- (iii) surveillance

4.3.2 Laboratories will be charged for the total assessor man-days used for conducting pre-assessment, assessment and surveillance. In planning the yearly budget, laboratories could use the average values given below:

	No of days
Pre-assessment	1.5
Assessment/Re-assessment	4.5
Surveillance	3.0

4.3.3 It should be noted that preparation time, site time, post visit time on reporting and checking time for non-compliance clearance actions are included in the above.

5. Revision of fees

MAURITAS reserves the right to review the above fees as and when necessary.

6. Fields of Calibration

6.1 Acoustics

6.2 Humidity

- 6.3 Viscosity
- 6.4 Volume
- 6.5 Thermal Calibration
- 6.6 Dimensional Calibration
- 6.7 Flow
- 6.8 Mass
- 6.9 Electrical Calibration
- 6.10 Temperature
- 6.11 Time and frequency
- 6.12 Force/hardness
- 6.13 Pressure

7 Fields of Testing

- 7.1 Acoustical
- 7.2 Biological
- 7.3 Chemical
- 7.4 Electrical
- 7.5 Mechanical
- 7.6 Medical
- 7.7 Veterinary
- 7.8 Occupational
- 7.9 Health and Hygiene Testing
- 7.10 Environmental
- 7.11 Textiles and Garments Testing
- 7.12 Forensic
- 7.13 Construction Materials Testing
- 7.14 Non Destructive Testing
- 7.15 Food Testing