A2LA offers accreditation across a wide spectrum of laboratory testing fields (including medical laboratory testing to ISO 15189) and calibration as well as conformity assessment programs (i.e. Reference Material Producer, Inspection Body, Certification Body, Proficiency Testing Provider) that are part of internationally recognized Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA/MLA). As such, there are times when a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) accredited by one of our MRA or MLA partners wishes to transfer their current accreditation to A2LA to take advantage of the benefits of an A2LA accreditation. This policy describes the process for accomplishing this.

In order for A2LA to accept an application from a CAB accredited by one of our MRA/MLA partners, A2LA must receive the following additional information along with the A2LA application that is available on the [A2LA website):

- The most recent full on-site assessment report and surveillance assessment report (when applicable). Pursuant to ISO/IEC 17011, an on-site assessment shall have been performed within the past 24 months in order to be accepted
- A complete corrective action response to the most recent assessment by an MRA/MLA signatory accreditation body
- A copy of the current and valid Scope of Accreditation from the CAB’s current Accreditation Body

Once A2LA receives the application and information, the decision to accept the MRA or MLA partner accreditation in lieu of an assessment will be made on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the number and nature of nonconformances cited in the previous assessment report(s), A2LA reserves the right to request further corrective action responses for any or all of nonconformances. For calibration laboratories, measurement uncertainty budgets to support the Calibration and Measurement Capability (CMC) on the scope of accreditation may also be requested.

If the application is accepted, A2LA will provide the applicant with an invoice for the applicable costs associated with transferring the accreditation. If accreditation is transferred, the accreditation expiration date will be set at a maximum of 24 months from the date of the most recent, onsite technical assessment performed by the current Accreditation Body. The CAB will then be placed into the standard A2LA schedule of full, bi-annual assessments.

If transfer of accreditation is not fully accepted, A2LA may choose to perform a full, onsite assessment or a partial, onsite surveillance assessment (including a technical assessment of a portion of the intended scope) to enable the CAB to become A2LA accredited.

For more information, please contact A2LA at 301 644 3248 or at info@A2LA.org.
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