

PJLA Update Notification

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Form/Procedure/Policy: Certificates of Accreditation-Calibration (CMC-Calibration and Measurement Capability versus BMC-Best Measurement Capability)

PJLA Applicant/Accredited Laboratories

CC: PJLA Assessors and Staff

Effective January 1, 2011, all certificates issued to calibration laboratories will reflect their Calibration and Measurement Capability (CMC) rather than their Best Measurement Capability (BMC). This is merely a terminology change and we see no major implications on our laboratories. This was due to a decision made during the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) meeting held in the past. This change requires all accreditation bodies to implement this for all calibration laboratories by no later than August 20, 2011. In order to meet this mandate, PJLA will start making these revisions at the beginning of January 2011 with a completion goal of July 31, 2011.

Additional information provided from ILAC on this topic has been added to this update notification as a separate attachment. Please take the time to review this information as it provides insight on the history of this change as well as guidance on how laboratories should communicate this to their customers.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions in regards to this update, please feel free to contact PJLA headquarters at any time.

Thank you.