



FEDERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ACCREDITATION SERVICES (FDAS)

Newsletter Quarterly (April - June 2022)

Editorial

Through the release of the seventh issue of this “Quarterly Newsletter” it is pleasure to inform that application of FDAS for APAC Evaluation was made and has been accepted by MRAMC and is expected that the process of evaluation by APAC would soon commence and by Oct 2022 end would be completed. At this stage the date of getting MRA status cannot be predicted but it is expected to be completed by year end. The major reason for the delay to achieve MRA is covid.

Assessors are the very important organ of FDAS, their commitment and sincerity to manage the assessment related activities in time plays a vital role in achieving the time target of accreditation to applicant laboratory and in smooth functioning of FDAS. There were delays in completion of the first assessment, the pinch of which is felt now, as it factored to not achieving the target date for APAC MRA.

A new activity of training by FDAS has started and till date four training courses have been completed, on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and on measurement uncertainty. FDAS would undertake training on topics like control charts, method validation, verification of test method, risk & opportunities etc.

Training calendar would be published in this newsletter on regular basis from next issue, however a training on ISO/IEC 17025 is scheduled from 17th to 20th August.

From next issue on wards, it is planned to make an explanation at lease on one clause of ISO/IEC 17025 and it aims to develop the common approach amongst the laboratories and assessors to interpret clause.

I also invite articles from laboratory personnel and others on laboratory related technical and accreditation matters. This newsletter would have a column on Questions & answers. Please feel free to raise your questions, which would be replied by me.

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President FDAS

Status of Accreditation:

- i. During this quarter, FDAS received 5 applications for Initial Assessment and 2 applications for Reassessment.
- ii. Till now, 10 Laboratories are accredited by FDAS, in which 2 Laboratories are Reassessed and granted Accreditation for the next term.

Accreditation granted:

- i. During this quarter, FDAS gave Accreditation to M/s Meya Labs Pvt Ltd. (CL - 104) in the field of Optical & Photometry and Mechanical Calibration.
- ii. After Reassessment, Accreditation granted to following laboratories.
 - M/s Rahul Engineers Laboratory (CL – 101) in the field of Mechanical Calibration.
 - M/s Rajasthan Test & Research Centre (TL – 101) in the field of Electrical Testing.

Training Courses to Laboratories:

- i. During this quarter, FDAS conducted two online training programs on ISO/IEC 17025:2017.
- ii. 21 Participants were trained during 12th – 15th Apr 2022 and 30 Participants were trained during 20th – 23rd Jun 2022.

APAC Activities:

- i. FDAS applied for MRA Signatory to APAC on 17th June 2022, which is accepted by MRAMC.
- ii. FDAS participated in the following APAC committee Meetings remotely.
 - Communications and Promotions Committee Meeting on 10th May 2022.
 - Capacity Building Committee Meeting on 12th May 2022.
 - Technical Committee 1 Meeting on 24th May 2022.
 - Technical Committee 2 Meeting on 26th May 2022.
- iii. On 9th June 2022, FDAS participated remotely in the World Accreditation Day Celebrations organized by APAC. This Year's Theme was Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment.

Training Announcement:

Next training on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 would be conducted during 17th – 20th Aug 2022. For details, write us at fdasindia@gmail.com .