

New Categories to Make the Scope of Accreditation More Flexible

Effective August 12, 2024, the German Accreditation Body (DAkkS) has introduced new category designations for testing laboratories accredited according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 to reflect flexible scopes of accreditation on certificate attachments.

The previous category designations I, II, and III will be replaced by B, C, and A. This change is intended to better illustrate the hierarchical nature of the categories. During the transition phase, the old and new category designations will coexist as equivalents.

Flexible Scope of Application:

Within the designated test areas, the testing laboratory is permitted, without the need for prior notification to or approval by DAkkS,

[Flex A] to apply the standardized test methods listed here—or equivalent methods—in different editions.

[Flex B] to freely select standardized test methods or methods deemed equivalent to them.