ACCREDITATIONS

At IGC Agency, we take precision, compliance, and quality assurance seriously. Our accreditation ensures that our services meet industry requirements as well as legal standards, providing our clients with the confidence that their weighing equipment is accurate, reliable, consistent and fully compliant with South African regulations. IGC Agency is the only company in the Limpopo Province accredited to repair, verify weighing instruments over 1500kg up to 120 000kg and as small as 50g.

We own sufficient mass pieces that covers our full scope of accreditation and is calibrated by a NRCS laboratory at intervals not exceeding 12 months.

SANAS Accreditation

We are proud to be accredited by SANAS (South African National Accreditation System), the official accreditation body recognised by the South African Government.

Facility Accreditation No: LTF0430 (Verification Laboratory) LTR0097(Repair Laboratory)

SANAS accreditation is a formal recognition that a company is competent to perform specific tasks, ensuring that laboratories, certification bodies and Verification and repair bodies meet the highest standards of quality and technical competence.

We are also designated by the NRCS (National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications).

We are designated under the Legal Metrology sector.

Facility Designation No: VB-M02-26(Verification Laboratory) RB-M04-26 (Repair Laboratory)

Designation of Verification and Repair Bodies

This is a process of ensuring compliance to legislation through the use of bodies designated to perform verifications on behalf of the Regulator. Private organizations can be designated as a verification and repair body. A letter of designation is issued to competent/accredited laboratories to verify or repair measuring instruments under the control of Legal Metrology. Certificates of designation will only be issued to successful applications that met all prescribed criteria. In the monitoring of the designation, the Legal Metrology unit conduct annual inspections at designated verification and repair bodies. Legal Metrology also provide lead and technical assessors expertise to the SANAS Verification and Repair Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Verification

Verification is the process of determining whether instruments are in compliance to

type approval requirements and accurate within the tolerances as prescribed by the Legal Metrology Act. Legal Metrology provides verification where no designated bodies exist.

LEGAL METROLOGY OVERVIEW

The Legal Metrology Act as promulgated in August 2014 expanded the scope of Legal Metrology to include measurements in the fields of health, safety, and the environment. The promulgation of the Legal Metrology Act places South Africa on par with many developed countries and well in advance of many developing countries especially some of our trading partners.

Legal Metrology is responsible for the implementation of a regulatory and compliance system and for the administration and maintenance of legal metrology technical regulations to promote fair trade and to protect public health, safety, and the environment. Legal Metrology provides market surveillance inspections to ensure compliance with legal metrology technical regulations. These activities are performed under the authority of the Legal Metrology Act, 2014 (Act 9 of 2014).

This Act applies to measurable products and services, measurements in trade, health, safety and the environment and any measuring instrument used for a prescribed purpose (for trade purposes, buying and selling).

The objects of this Act are inter alia to –

- strengthen the enforcement of legal metrology;
- protect consumers against short measure or inaccurate measurement;
- establish a level playing field for industry; and
- support local industry competitiveness
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY LMA

Regulation 3 provides the Requirements for registration as follows:

Any manufacturer, importer or person who offer for sale or supply any prescribed measuring instrument, product, or provides a service, falling within the ambit of the Act prior to the date of these regulations coming into effect, must apply for registration with the National Regulator within three years from the date of these regulations coming into effect.

Any manufacturer, importer or person who offer for sale or supply any prescribed measuring instrument, product, or provide a service, falling within the ambit of the Act after the date that these regulations come into effect, must apply for registration with the National Regulator within three years from the date of these regulations coming into effect.

Application for registration must be done by completing an application form available from the National Regulator and submitting the application form and any additional information required to the National Regulator.

The National Regulator must issue a certificate as evidence of registration to a person registering. Irrespective of any amendments to the registration certificate, the

registration certificate is valid for a five-year period from the date of first registration, after which a new application must be completed if the business of manufacturing, importing of any commodity or product, or providing of a service is still active.

When any change in the information provided to the National Regulator occurred since registration, the registered person must notify the National Regulator within 30 days of such changes. Such changed information must be notified to the National Regulator in a format as prescribed by the National Regulator.

An amended registration certificate indicating the changes must be issued by the National Regulator.

- Calibrate, verify, repair and certify mass measuring instruments in accordance with national legislation
- Ensure compliance with the Legal Metrology Act & Regulations & the relevant legislation
- Provide official Verification Certificates for mass measuring instruments to be used for any prescribed purposes.

What does this mean for you?

1. Compliance & Legal recognition – Our Verification, repair services meet nation legal metrology requirements, ensuring that your weighing instruments are verified for legal prescribed purposes.
2. Reliability and Accuracy – Our accredited processes guarantee that your instruments are precise and meet industry standards, we strive to deliver consistent test results
3. Trust & Confidence – By choosing IGC Agency, you are working with a company that is officially accredited to verify and repair weighing instruments, ensuring business continuity and regulatory compliance.
4. Audits – Our certificates are legally valid to ensure your weighing instruments are within the legislation as stated in the Legal Metrology Act, we thus ensure compliance with the relevant legislation, and this helps to avoid inaccurate results/losses caused by inaccurate instruments.