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<b>SUBJECT:</b> Revision to the application submission information for new and renewal applicant laboratories for accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025:2017		

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the assessors of the revision to the laboratory application submission information. These changes are applicable to all applicant laboratories.

In accordance with the NVLAP Transition Memorandum, dated December 15, 2017, NVLAP is transitioning our accredited laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025:2017. As of October 1, 2018, all NVLAP assessments are performed against ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

Beginning with the January 1, 2019 renewal submissions, the laboratories are required to submit a copy of the NVLAP General Criteria Checklist (ISO/IEC 17025:2017) in which the management system references have been completed for the required policy and procedure clauses. In addition, the laboratories are required to submit any identified policies and procedures noted in the checklist.

Beginning with this renewal cycle, the completed checklist and required supporting policies/procedures submitted as part of the laboratory's application will be available in the Lab Documents file and can be used to assist the assessors in preparing for the renewal assessments.

Please note that the checklist has been modified to highlight these required policy/procedure clauses and is available for download on the Assessor Portal, to be used during the assessment.

Please contact your program manager if you have any questions regarding the location and use of the updated application documentation.