



Replacement of assessments during the COVID-19 pandemic

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, where a mandatory scheduled on-site/remote assessment cannot be performed, by the AB or, whenever relevant, by a sub-contracted AB which is an IAF MLA/ILAC MRA signatory, that assessment may be replaced, in extraordinary circumstances, by an off-site review of documentation.

The review of documentation should only be considered if the justifications for not being able to conduct the on-site or remote assessment are traced back to the exceptional situation due to COVID-19 (e.g.: travel restrictions, social distancing, workplace health and safety decisions including health risk categories for both assessors and CAB personnel).

The impact of the replacement on the accreditation program for the current accreditation cycle needs to be considered.

If either a remote assessment or an on-site assessment has not been conducted within 12 months from the review of documentation, for reasons not attributable to the AB, the AB shall normally initiate the process for suspension or withdrawal of the accreditation of the CAB.

For an initial assessment, review of documentation only, is not sufficient.