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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR-010, Conformity Assessment, to supersede AS ISO/IEC 17025—2005, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the general requirements for the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of laboratories. This Standard is applicable to all organizations performing laboratory activities, regardless of the number of personnel.

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