



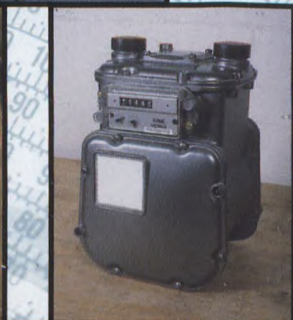
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# Measurement Canada's Accreditation Program



Fair Measure  
For All



La mesure juste  
pour tous

Canada

# What Is the Program All About?

Measurement Canada fulfils its mission to “ensure equity and accuracy where goods and services are bought and sold on the basis of measurement, in order to contribute to a fair and competitive marketplace for Canadians” through activities such as:

- The mandatory approval of commercial weighing and measuring devices.

**Purpose:** *Ensure that devices are designed to maintain their quality (construction, accuracy, longevity, etc.) when being used in trade.*

- The mandatory inspection of each device before its use in trade.

**Purpose:** *Ensure that devices have been properly assembled and accurately calibrated.*

- The periodic inspection of all weighing and measuring devices used in trade.

**Purpose:** *Ensure that devices maintain their accuracy and that they are properly used.*

The accreditation program, introduced in 1985, allows qualified organizations to perform both the mandatory inspection (*initial verification*) and periodic inspection (*re-verification*) of weighing and measuring devices on behalf of Measurement Canada. Before this partnering arrangement, these duties were performed solely by Measurement Canada staff.

# What Are the Basic Components of the Program?

- Organizations seeking accreditation must implement a quality assurance program that meets the requirements of Measurement Canada Standard S-A-01 and must apply quality assurance principles within their organization.

**Result:** Processes and procedures meet quality standards and quality becomes a priority of the organization.

- Accredited organizations must perform the inspection of weighing and measuring devices for which they are accredited, in accordance with Measurement Canada's requirements.

## What's in It for Accredited Organizations?

- Accredited organizations are able to undertake inspection work at their own pace and are therefore less dependent on Measurement Canada for these activities.

**Benefit:** Organizations can inspect at their own convenience, save time and lower costs.

- Accredited organizations have an opportunity to expand as service providers offering inspection services to other organizations.

**Benefit:** Financial gains and competitiveness.

- Accredited organizations have an opportunity to further their knowledge of the rules and regulations that apply to measurement.

**Benefit:** Organizations enhance their ability to comply with requirements and gain from the application of a sound quality program — with better products and services, less waste and more confidence in a consistent quality production.

## What's in It for Measurement Canada?

- Measurement Canada oversees organizations that comply with its requirements.



**Benefit:** *The function of overseeing is less costly and time consuming than inspecting. Measurement Canada can better achieve its mission and mandate with the help of its new partners.*

- Measurement Canada spends less resources in the enforcement of its requirements.

**Benefit:** *Measurement Canada can redirect its freed-up resources to areas requiring more monitoring.*

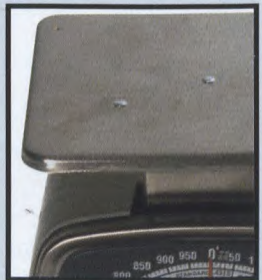
## How Is the Program Administered?

Measurement Canada monitors accredited organizations to:

- ensure that the terms, conditions and requirements of the accreditation program are met;
- ensure that weighing and measuring devices comply with the requirements; and
- verify that accredited organizations are maintaining an effective quality assurance program.

## Who Is Eligible?

Any organization whose testing facilities are located in either Canada, the United States or Mexico, and that is willing to comply with Measurement Canada's accreditation requirements, is eligible.



# How to Apply

1. Contact Measurement Canada to obtain the relevant documentation, information and application form. Documentation and forms can be downloaded from the Measurement Canada Web site.
2. Fill and submit the application form and applicable fees to Measurement Canada.
3. Develop and submit a quality manual that meets the requirements of *Criteria for the Accreditation of Organizations to Perform Inspections Pursuant to the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act and the Weights and Measures Act*.

## For More Information

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