



LABORATORY EXCELLENCE, SAFETY AND ACCREDITATION

ISO/IEC 17020 and Inspection Body Accreditation

3 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

Inspection bodies are accredited against a different standard from laboratories, and the differences matter most in independence and in the judgement an inspector is permitted to exercise. This course covers ISO/IEC 17020 in full. Delegates work through the types of inspection body and the independence requirements attaching to each, competence and authorisation of inspectors, inspection methods and procedures, and the reporting and certificate requirements. Impartiality is treated as the structural issue it is for a body inspecting work its parent organisation performed. The course closes on preparing for assessment and on the findings that most commonly arise.

What you will learn

- Distinguish the types of inspection body and their independence requirements
- Apply the impartiality requirements to a real organisational structure
- Establish competence criteria and authorisation for inspectors
- Document inspection methods and procedures to the standard
- Meet the reporting and inspection certificate requirements
- Operate a management system that satisfies the standard
- Prepare for assessment and anticipate common findings

Who should attend

- Inspection body managers and quality managers
- Inspectors and technical authorisers
- Organisations seeking ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation
- Internal auditors of inspection bodies
- Accreditation body assessors

Course outline

- 01 Inspection against testing, and why the standard differs
- 02 Types of inspection body and independence
- 03 Impartiality within a group structure
- 04 Inspector competence and authorisation
- 05 Inspection methods and procedures
- 06 Reporting and inspection certificates
- 07 Management system requirements
- 08 Assessment preparation and common findings

Upcoming dates

Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
19 to 21 October 2026	Maputo, Mozambique	Classroom	USD 995
16 to 18 November 2026	Online	Online	R6,500
18 to 20 January 2027	Kigali, Rwanda	Classroom	USD 995

Fees and how to register

This 3 day course is **R6,500** per delegate online, **R14,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 995** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request.



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