

Document: ASB Standard 157, Required Components for a Proficiency Testing Program in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

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#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editorial, T-Technical)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
1	3.2 3.4	E	Revised sections 3.2 and 3.4 define internal and external proficiency testing, and § 3.2 attributes to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 the definition of “external proficiency testing” as “An evaluation of practitioner performance against pre-established criteria by means of interlaboratory comparisons.” However, this definition is for “proficiency testing,” and ISO/IEC 17025 does not allow “internal proficiency testing” as defined in this draft ASB standard to substitute for “proficiency testing” as defined in ISO/IEC 17043:2010.	<p>Either (1) return to the ISO/IEC 17043:2010 definition of “proficiency testing” as requiring interlaboratory comparisons; or (2) in § 21, change “[ISO/IEC 17043:2010]” to “[adapted from ISO/IEC 17043:2010].”</p> <p>(1) has the advantage of implementing the OSAC preferred definition of “proficiency testing.” If (1) is rejected, it will be necessary to include in the standard a statement to inform the reader that “internal proficiency testing” does not satisfy the requirements of most accrediting bodies. [Using the definition for “intralaboratory comparison” in place of “internal proficiency testing” might also be an option for utilizing a term in the OSAC lexicon.]</p>	Reject. The definition is appropriate as written for this document.
2	4.1.1 (not redlined, but still offering to correct a typo)	E	The last sentence is missing “an” prior to “externally accredited provider.”	Add “an” to the last sentence, to read “... from an externally accredited provider.”	Accept
3	4.1.4 (not redlined, but still offering to correct typo)	E	This sentence has an extra apostrophe: “bloodstain pattern analyst’s to fulfill...”	Change to “analysts”	Accept