

FAQ Related to CAB Designation

1. What is TEC CAB designation..?

Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) under the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) designates domestic Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) for carrying out conformity assessment of telecommunication equipment in accordance with TEC's technical standards and/or specifications.

2. Where is TEC office located...?

Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) under the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) is the Designating Authority (DA) for designating Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in India having its office at "Gate No. 5, Khurshid Lal Bhavan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001".

3. Why is Conformity Assessment...?

Any activity concerned with determining directly or indirectly whether products, manufacturers or processes fulfill relevant standards and/or Specifications to meet relevant mandatory requirements detailed in the respective Party's mandatory requirements. Typical examples of conformity assessment activities are sampling, testing, inspection, evaluation, verification, certification, registration, accreditation and approval, as well as any of their combinations.

4. What is the meaning of Certification Body (CB)...?

Certification Body (CB) means a body that issues a conformance certificate and may also conduct conformity assessment activities.

5. What is meant by Conformity Assessment Body (CAB)...?

Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) means a body that conducts conformity assessment activities.

6. What is the meaning of Designation...?

Designation means the authorization by a Party's designating authority of its Conformity assessment body to undertake specified conformity assessment activities pursuant to the mandatory requirements of the party.

7. What is the meaning of Designating Authority...?

Designating Authority (DA) means a body established in the territory of a Party with the authority to designate, monitor, suspend or withdraw designation of conformity assessment bodies to conduct conformity assessment activities within its jurisdiction.

8. Who can apply for CAB Designation...?

Application for CAB designation is open to any Domestic lab which conducts its business of conformity assessment in India. CABs duly accredited by any recognised Indian accreditation body like NABL, can apply for designation.

9. Is NABL accreditation necessary for applying TEC CAB designation?

NABL accreditation is pre requisite requirement for applying CAB Designation.

10. Is CAB Designation a one-time phenomenon...?

CAB designation is not a one-time phenomenon. Once the CAB gets designated; Designation to a CAB shall be valid for a period of 3 years subject to continuity of NABL accreditation. CAB shall apply for renewal of designation to TEC within 180 days but not later than 60 days before the expiry of the CAB Designation.

11. Where to submit the Application for CAB Designation ...?

Duly filled Application form for CAB Designation along with all requisite documents as mentioned in TEC CAB Designation Scheme should be sent/submitted to:

DDG (MRA), Telecommunication Engineering Centre, Gate No. 5, Khurshid Lal Bhavan, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

12. What is the meaning of Essential Requirements(ERs)...?

Essential Requirement means set of parameters/standards/requirements/ Specifications etc. specified by TEC which are to be complied for seeking certification.

13. What is the Application fee for CAB Designation and what is the mode of Application fee payment...?

Non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- to be paid online through Non Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP) of Govt. of India to “TEC, New Delhi” for designation against up to 5 TEC’s technical standards and/or specifications in a single application. Further, for designation beyond 5 technical standards/specifications in the same application, an additional fee of Rs. 20,000/- is payable per standard/specification subject to maximum of up to Rs. 2,00,000/- per single application in any case or fees specified by DA time to time.

14. What is the meaning of Mutual Recognition...?

Mutual Recognition means that each Party, on the basis that it is accorded reciprocal treatment by the other Party, accepts the test reports & certification of results of conformity assessment activities; and mandatory requirements of the other Party to demonstrate conformity of products and/or manufacturers/manufacturing processes with its mandatory requirements when the conformity assessment activities are undertaken by conformity assessment bodies designated by the other Party.

15. What is Mutual Recognition Agreement or Arrangements (MRAs) ...?

Mutual Recognition Agreement or Arrangements (MRAs) means an agreement through which two countries give recognition to Certifying Bodies and CABs in respective countries by following conformity assessment procedures.

16. What are the benefits of MRA ...?

MRAs eliminate the cost of retesting and re-certification, and shorten time-to-market for partner countries’ manufacturers and exporters of telecommunication Equipments.

17. Whether India has MRA with any Country...?

At present India has “Mutual Recognition Arrangement/Agreement (MRA) with Singapore in Telecommunication Sector.

18. Is there a publication that can guide through the CAB Designation process...?

TEC designates CABs and CBs for carrying out conformity assessment and certification of telecom equipment in accordance with the requirements of MRA partners.

There are two documents which lay down the procedures and criteria for designating/recognising CABs & CBs are available on TEC website www.tec.gov.in.

[Scheme for Designating Domestic Conformity Assessment Bodies \(CABs\) and Certification Bodies \(CBs\) for Conformity Assessment and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment](#)

[Scheme for Recognising Foreign Designated Conformity Assessment Bodies and Certification Bodies for Conformity Assessment and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment](#)

19. How long does it take for a LAB to obtain TEC Designation...?

The key factor in determining the time taken is the Lab readiness. Labs that have taken the time to prepare well for CAB Designation application, respond quickly to shortcomings, if any and clarifications sought if any during technical examination of documents of the lab and quick response to assessment deficiencies, can complete the process in a timely manner. TEC has all necessary resources, to designate a well-prepared Lab as CAB in a reasonable time of about 90 days. Some CABs were able to gain designation in less than 90 days.

20. What is the “Scope of Designation”...?

The scope of designation by DA is limited to the scope for which accreditation is granted against TEC’s/ other Party’s technical standards and/or specifications. If the application for Designation as CAB/CB does not fully cover all tests corresponding to TEC’s technical standards and/or specifications, the DA may grant the designation corresponding to TEC’s technical standards and/or specifications to the extent against which designation is sought, subject to its technical evaluation by the DA.

21. What is the process of Renewal of CAB Designation...?

Application for renewal of CAB Designation as per Application format given in Annexure-5 of TEC CAB/CB designation Scheme along with all requisite

documents can be submitted within 180 days but not later than 60 days before the expiry of the certificate. Suspended or withdrawn designation shall NOT be renewed during the suspended or withdrawn period. However, the process of renewal may be initiated in the suspended/withdrawn period.

22. What is the Fee for Renewal of CAB Designation...?

The fee for renewal shall be Rs. 10,000/- for every TEC's technical standards/specifications being applied for renewal limited to maximum amount up to Rs. 1,00,000/- or fees specified by DA time to time. The fee for renewal is to be paid online through Non Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP) of Govt. of India to "TEC, New Delhi".

23. What happens, if TEC any Technical Standards and or Specifications gets revised during period of designation ...?

In case of revision of TEC's technical standards and/or specifications during the validity of designation, the CAB/CB needs to submit accreditation from any recognised Indian accreditation body like NABL and NABCB for any incremental tests in the corresponding technical, standards and/or specifications. The DA may conduct a site visit to ascertain the compliance to the corresponding revised technical standards and/or specifications. The validity of the designation would remain unchanged.

24. Can Designated CABs advertise about their designation status...?

Yes, Designated CABs can advertise about their designation status **but only with regard to standards or parts thereof which are included in the scope of designation.** The advertisement should not imply, or otherwise suggest that DA or MRA Partner has endorsed the product or imply that the designated CAB/CB is an agent or representative of DA or MRA Partner.

CABs/CBs whose designations have been suspended or withdrawn for any reason, shall discontinue advertisement of their designated status and not make any misleading statements regarding their designation status.
