

To organizations seeking or maintaining IAS accreditation, which are located outside of the

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As a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation/Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and International Accreditation Forum/Pacific Accreditation Cooperation MRA/MLAs, IAS is obligated to document that you are aware of the following details related to applications for IAS accreditation from Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) which are located in countries outside of the U.S.A and its territories:

* + - * There may be an accreditation body in your country that is signatory to the ILAC/IAF MRA/MLAs.
      * Signatories to the MRA/MLAs enjoy international mutual recognition benefits.
      * You may wish to research costs associated with accreditation with your local accreditation body, as this may be more economical.
      * The local accreditation body may have better understanding of the local culture and conditions in your economy.

If you have any questions or concerns about these matters, please feel let us know.

For IAS’ records, please sign and return this document to [Bandu@iasonline.org](mailto:Bandu@iasonline.org)

**Statement of Understanding**

I have read and understand IAS’s policy for accreditation of organizations which are based outside of the United States and its territories. The organization I represent has considered the benefits of accreditation with the local accreditation body, and due to business reasons or lack of a local accreditation scheme elects to apply for (or maintain) accreditation through the IAS.

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