

## **JAS-AU Policy on Impartiality**

The Jordan Accreditation System- Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU) is the national accreditation body for Jordan, appointed according to the "Standards and Metrology Law" no. (22/2000) and its amendments & and the "Administrative System Bylaw for the Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization" no. (88/ 2015).

JAS-AU operates in compliance with ISO/IEC 17011 "Conformity assessment - Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies" and international policies.

As the national accreditation body for Jordan, JAS-AU Board of Directors is committed to the impartiality of JAS-AU and is responsible for the performance of all the accreditation activities in an impartial and objective manner.

Accreditation is a public authority activity and JAS-AU does not engage in any activity which might compromise its impartiality in the performance of the national accreditation function.

JAS-AU is structured in a way to safeguard impartiality. JAS-AU as part of Government has no share ownership, commercial or other interest in any conformity assessment body (CAB) and provides accreditation on a not-for-profit basis.

JAS-AU does not provide any conformity assessment activities itself which might be the subject of accreditation. JAS-AU does not provide consultancy services. All JAS-AU accreditation programmes are administered in a non-discriminatory manner and are open to all applicants that meet the applicable criteria.

All personnel involved directly in the accreditation process (staff, contracted assessors/experts, decision makers, advisory committee members, appeal committee) are required to be free from any undue pressures including commercial or financial pressures which may impact on their ability to act impartially and objectively. All personnel are required to declare conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest.

The JAS-AU Board of Directors, Steering Committee and other stakeholder engagement processes provide opportunities for input into safeguarding impartiality.

JAS-AU evaluates potential threats to impartiality annually through its audit programme, analysis of its relationship with other Government entities and risk management processes.

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