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Registration Now Open for 2025 Educational Series

Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA) is excited to announce its comprehensive **schedule of free virtual training workshops for 2025**, now open for registration. These workshops are designed to support laboratory professionals, quality assurance personnel, and technical staff in achieving excellence through ISO/IEC 17025 compliance and best practices.



The workshops, led by PJLA's Technical Program Manager, Matthew Sica, will provide practical, discussion-based learning experiences covering a range of critical topics, from calibration and method validation to data integrity and quality control. Each session is tailored to equip participants with actionable insights that can immediately enhance laboratory performance and compliance.

Seats are limited, so register early to secure your spot. Whether you are a seasoned professional or new to laboratory operations, these workshops provide a unique opportunity to stay ahead in the evolving field of laboratory accreditation and quality management. ♦

New Program Available

ISO/IEC 17065 is an international standard that sets out the general criteria for bodies certifying products, processes, and services. ISO/IEC 17065 is one of the several standards developed by the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** and the **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)** to support various aspects of quality management and conformity assessment.

The standard is designed for parties that have an interest in certification, including, but not limited to, certification bodies, customers of organizations whose products, processes, or services are certified, governmental authorities, non-governmental organizations, and consumers/members of the public. While this International Standard is concerned with third parties providing product, process, or service certification, many of its provisions may also be useful in first- and second-party product conformity assessment procedures.

For more information or to request a quote for this program, visit our website at www.pjlab.com or call **877-369-5227!** ♦

Accreditation Referral Program

At PJLA, we are dedicated to promoting excellence in the lab industry. The most powerful business recommendations come from experts like you, who have witnessed the impact of Accreditation firsthand. We believe that your expertise deserves more than just recognition. **Get in touch now!**



***Disclaimer:** In alignment with ISO 17011 compliance, we are dedicated to preserving impartiality and preventing conflicts of interest. Our Referral Program reinforces our adherence to these principles. ♦

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Join Our Team!

Join Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.'s team of **ISO/IEC 17025 professionals** who provide the best accreditation experience possible.

We are currently seeking experienced assessors for **ISO/IEC 17025 Calibration and Mechanical Testing Assessors** and **Product Certification Body Assessors** to join our assessment staff.

For immediate consideration, email us at pjlabs@pjlabs.com or visit our website to apply. ♦



Congratulations Employee Of The Year

Courtney Leder - Team Lead APA and Recruiter

We would like to take a moment to recognize Courtney for her exceptional contributions to our scheduling area and the recruitment of new assessors. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure her customers are well-served from start to finish. Courtney's ability to stay focused, follow PJLA's policies, and ensure that customers receive exactly what they need has been truly outstanding. Way to go, Courtney! ♦



Farewell Doug Berg

As Mr. Doug Berg concludes his tenure as Testing Program Manager, we extend our deepest gratitude for his remarkable 19 years of dedicated service to PJLA. Doug's unwavering loyalty and commitment have left an indelible mark on our organization, and his many contributions will always be remembered.



Throughout his career with PJLA, Doug played an instrumental role in the growth and success of our testing, reference material, and proficiency testing programs. He also conducted numerous assessments, consistently delivering exceptional value to our clients. His expertise, leadership, and steadfast dedication have been pivotal to PJLA's accomplishments.

Doug, as you embark on this new chapter of your life, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to PJLA and for the lasting legacy you leave behind. ♦

PJLA Updates

Update #80

Update to PJLA Policies PL-1 & PL-2

Update #79

Form/Procedure/Policy-Supplemental Information Sheet, Version 4 for DoD/DOE QSM 6.0

Update #78

Change to PJLA Process for Updating Scopes of Accreditation

Update #77

Specialty Gas Reference Material Producers (RMP)

Update #76

LF-116 Assessment Readiness Review Checklist for DoD, DOECAP-AP, TNI NGAB, and State-TNI Programs Rev 1.10

Update #75

CA ELAP 2016 TNI Addendum OSA Checklist Version 2.1

Check out the complete list of updates and information here:

<https://www.pjlabs.com/resources/pjla-updates> ♦

On The Road Again



Michigan Cannabis Convention by NECANN



Automotive Testing Expo North America



Wisconsin Lab Association Fall Conference 2024



Environmental Measurement Symposium

Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA) was thrilled to have been part of the 2024 Environmental Measurement Symposium, which took place from August 5-9. This year's theme, "Reliable Data for Sound Decision Making," resonated deeply with our mission of ensuring accuracy, integrity, and quality in laboratory data worldwide.

Tracy Szerszen and Matt Sica represented PJLA at this significant event. With over 140 presentations and posters organized into technical sessions, the symposium served as a melting pot of innovative ideas and cutting-edge research, fostering collaboration and advancement in the field of environmental measurements.

One of the highlights of our participation was Matt Sica's insightful presentation titled "Leveraging Technology to Improve Laboratory Quality." Matt's expertise and passion for integrating technology with laboratory practices stood out as he discussed innovative solutions to enhance accuracy, efficiency, and reliability in laboratory operations.

For more information about the symposium, please visit the Environmental Measurement Symposium website: <https://envirosymposium.group/>. ♦



APAC RMP Evaluator Training

Matt Sica attended the APAC RMP Evaluator Training in Muscat, Oman! By participating, Matt strengthens PJLA's commitment to delivering top-tier accreditation services that meet the highest international standards.



Mohammed Mustafa Sheikh in Dubai

Big thanks to Mohammed Mustafa Sheikh for the great discussion while Tracy Szerszen visited Dubai. It was a pleasure to meet you in person!

PJLA's Matt Sica Visited 2024 Analytical Services Program

Matt Sica presented 'Commonalities Between HRMM and Risk Based Thinking (RBT).'



PJLA Lead Assessor Alessandro Annino at Rawabi Specialized Industrial Gases Co.

Alessandro Annino had the pleasure of working with Rawabi Specialized Industrial Gases Co. on their latest assessment! Alessandro's expertise and dedication reflect our commitment to quality and compliance, supporting our clients' efforts toward safe and reliable service.

Matt Sica Featured On Clinisys.com

How more testing labs than just food safety can reduce risk by adopting HACCP principles and risk-based thinking by Matthew Sica - Technical Program Manager, Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation

Read now: <https://www.clinisys.com/us/en/insight/reduce-risk-by-adopting-haccp-principles-and-risk-based-thinking/>. ♦

Check Out Our Blog

Cost vs. Value: Why Accreditation Is an Investment in Your Organization's Future

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PJLA Podcasts – Now On Spotify



- AOAC Hemp & Cannabis Proficiency Testing – A Solution to a Critical Need
- FDA Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Food (LAAF) Program - Lessons Learned
- A Look at ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – Requirements Concerning Impartiality and Confidentiality

Look Out For PJLA's FREE Online Webinars!

For our full schedule and to register for upcoming webinars visit our website at www.pjlab.com/training/pjla-webinars.

Testimonial:

"I have been attending these webinars offered for various sections of new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards. I enjoy the presentations and the contents have been very useful and applicable for me who work in the Quality Assurance Section of our laboratory. I have a direct involvement with our laboratory Quality System (QS) including creating and updating of our Quality Manual, performing internal audits, and providing QS trainings as examples of some of the related tasks.

I also would like to take this opportunity and thank Mr. Kramer for the great job he does in creating and presenting these webinars. The availability of the webinars for future access are a very useful resource to use for future reference, refresher to learn more about each topic, etc."

– Fathieh Shafiee

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- **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – 1:00pm EST**
A Roadmap to Inspection Agency Accreditation

The course is intended for professionals involved in product quality assurance, regulatory compliance, supply chain management, manufacturing, product development and conformity assessment fields (Testing, Calibration, Inspection, Certification), Regulators and Accreditation Assessors.

Presented by: Dr. George Anastasopoulos Technical and International Business Development Manager of PJLA

Did you see our NEW QuickStart Guide to ISO/IEC 17025:2017? Head over to our website to download your FREE copy!

