

# **Accreditation Services Symbol Use**

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# **Global Accreditation UK**



### **1.0 DEFINITION**

1.1 GAUK Logo

GAUK Logo is used by the Global Accreditation UK (GAUK) and not any other organization(s) / individual(s).

1.2 GAUK Accreditation Logo

The Global Accreditation UK (GAUK) symbol is used by only those accredited conformity assessment bodies (ACB) to indicate to prospective purchasers of their services who have been given Accreditation by GAUK(Accreditation body).

The symbol is also used by organizations to further emphasize that their products, processes or services awarded an endorsed certificate have been provided by a body accredited by Global Accreditation UK (GAUK).

### 2.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The Symbol shall be displayed only in the appropriate form, and color as demonstrated in figure below. The CAB is entitled to enlarge, if necessary, provided that the original proportion between the height and width of the symbol will not be affected and the symbol is legible.
- 2.2 The Accreditation number shall be printed centrally underneath GAUK logo. It consists of three fields. First field of two alphabets identify the type of CAB, second filed consist of numbers shows the reference number of CAB and the third filed consists of alphabets shows the broader scope of CAB as shown in Figure.



- 2.3 The logo can be used on the solid color back ground however if possible white back ground should be the preferred choice. When used on colored back ground, it must be used in a color choice that provides color contrast hence clearly visible.
- 2.4 At all times, use of the logo in its normal vertical orientation is preferred.
- 2.5 There should be no change in the color of Logo and should be used as provided by Global Accreditation UK (GAUK).



- 2.6 The Symbol may be used as a die-stamp or an embossment and these may be in the defined colors or black and white colors provided that the conditions set out in this document are fulfilled.
- 2.7 The Symbol may be reproduced electronically, provided that the requirements of this document are met, distortion and/or degradation does not occur and the electronic version (softcopy) of the symbol is acquired from GAUK.
- 2.8 The use of GAUK symbol is compulsory for all CABs accredited by GAUK.
- 2.9 The accredited CAB can display the Symbol on the reports/ certificates that Contain exclusively results from the accredited methods carried out within the scope of accreditation.
- 2.10 The Symbol does not imply any certification/ approval of the products tested, inspected, or certified.
- 2.11 The accredited bodies shall submit to GAUK, the procedure on how they will use the symbol and a sample of their report/ certificate with GAUK Symbol. Both of these have to be approved by GAUK and the implementation will be monitored by GAUK.

### 3.0 **RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF SYMBOL**

- 3.1 GAUK logo cannot be used on vehicles, Flags or Buildings.
- 3.2 The Symbol is owned by GAUK. Accredited CABs are not allowed to copy or make use the same or similar Symbol as their own symbols. In the event of misuse of the Symbol, GAUK reserves the right to issue violations and sanctions depending on the gravity of the violation and consistent with Law of land (country).
- 3.3 The accredited CAB shall discontinue the use of the accreditation symbols or any reference to accreditation status in reports, certificates, promotional material, stationery, internet web sites, etc for an activity immediately on suspension, withdrawal or termination of the accreditation for that activity for an activity immediately on suspension, withdrawal or termination of the accreditation of the accreditation for that activity.

#### 4.0 **REFERENCE**

4.1 ISO/IEC 17011 Conformity assessment - General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies.