



## Supporting safe food and clean drinking water for Canadians

### SCC accreditation: Your stepping stone to success

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) is the federal government's accreditation body. SCC accreditation instantly increases the credibility of your organization and the testing or certification services that it offers.

Canada's food and water safety systems industry is one of many industries for which SCC [accredits conformity assessment bodies](#)—such as testing laboratories and product certification bodies—to internationally recognized standards.

For more than 15 years, we have been helping to ensure the quality of testing results for drinking water. SCC is one of Canada's national [accreditation bodies for environmental testing](#) laboratories. As well, we accredit certification bodies for [food safety management systems](#), to the international standard ISO/IEC 17021, *Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems*, and we accredit testing laboratories that test food for dangerous bacteria and other harmful substances.

What is accreditation? [Learn more.](#)

#### What do we assess?

- Technical competence of staff
- Validity and fitness of the analytical methods used
- Measurement and calibration traceability
- Instruments / equipment calibration and maintenance
- Appropriate environmental controls
- Quality controls to ensure validity of results

#### Key benefits of accreditation, for you and your clients, include:

- Third party attestation that your laboratory has formally demonstrated competence to carry out specific tasks—both nationally and internationally
- Attestation of your laboratory's quality management system
- Assurance that your laboratory issues competent and reliable analytical results
- Competitive advantage
- International recognition

We work closely with our international partners and have signed agreements with a number of countries, to promote your certifications abroad.

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