



the laboratory that defines the decision rules used by the laboratory for declaring in or out of tolerance conditions².

- 4) the certificate relates only to metrological quantities and states which clauses of the specification are certified to have been met.

2.1.4 Method or parameter observation during an assessment

- a) At a minimum, part or all of every method(s) or parameter on the draft scope of accreditation must be observed by the assigned assessor during the assessment at least once in two consecutive renewal assessments.
- b) If a method or parameter is not observed by the assigned assessor at least once in two consecutive renewal assessments, that method or parameter will be removed from the scope of accreditation until such a time as it can be observed.
- c) If a laboratory can demonstrate successful participation in a commercially available proficiency test or a well organized inter-laboratory comparison that meets the requirements of Guide 43 at the level of uncertainty being claimed on the draft scope of accreditation the laboratory may rely on this demonstration in lieu of an observed parameter during the assessment.
- d) In cases where it is not possible to observe a method or parameter an exception request may be submitted to A2LA for consideration.

Note 1: Equipment out for repair or calibration is not sufficient reason to grant an exception request.

Note 2: Exception requests granted by A2LA are only granted until the next renewal assessment.

3.0 Requirements for Site Calibration Accreditation

3.1 Refer to R104 – *Specific Requirements: Accreditation of Site Testing and Site Calibration Laboratories*.

4.0 Requirements Specific to ANSI/NCSL Z540-1-1994

Following are the requirements of Z540-1 not found in ISO/IEC 17025 or otherwise addressed in these Requirements. The numbering of these additional requirements follows the numbering of

² The default decision rule is found in ILAC-G8:1996, *Guidelines on Assessment and Reporting of Compliance with Specification*, section 2.5. With agreement from the customer, other decision rules may be used as provided for in this section of the Requirements.