



# Organisational structure and Impartiality (LA-R-01)

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# Introduction

This document defines the organisational structure of the Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation (BLA), Department of Science Service (DSS) and impartiality policy

The BLA-DSS is non-profit governmental accreditation body with full financial support from government under the Department of Science Service (DSS). According to reorganisation of Ministry, Sub-Ministry and Department Act, B.E. 2562 (2019), Department of Science Service (DSS) is under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation through the Ministerial Regulation B.E. 2545 (2002). The creation and installation of the BLA-DSS and its organs are based on specific legislation under the authority of the DSS. Hereby the Director of BLA-DSS assigned by the Director General of DSS is legally responsible for the BLA-DSS activities.

The BLA-DSS forms one of the divisions of the DSS, which falls under the responsibility of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

The DSS consists of the

- a) Office of the Secretary
- b) Bureau of Community Technology
- c) Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation
- d) Bureau of Laboratory Personnel Development
- e) Bureau of Science and Technology Information
- f) Division of Chemicals and Consumer Products
- g) Division of Engineering Materials
- h) Division of Food Products and Food Contact Materials
- i) Division of Laboratory Competency and Product Certification

The BLA-DSS has conducted to service for both of the governmental and private sector of testing laboratory accreditation conformed with ISO/IEC 17025, proficiency testing provider accreditation conformed with ISO/IEC 17043 and reference material producer conformed with ISO 17034. The scopes of testing laboratory accreditation have been covered in the fields of physic, chemistry and biological science for example sugar and sugar products, food, feed and related products, food packaging and related materials, natural rubber and

rubber products, shoes and leather products, plastic products, ceramics and glasses, chemicals (non-pharmaceutical products), environment, pulp and paper products and others. The scopes of proficiency testing provider accreditation have been covered in the fields of calibration, testing and medical testing. The scopes of reference material producer have been covered in the fields of physic, chemistry, biological science, engineering and others.

To safeguard the confidentiality, objectivity and impartiality, it is the policy of the BLA-DSS that accreditation services shall not be provided for all DSS's laboratories, PTP and RMP. The Director General and the Deputy Director General of DSS shall not involve with assessment process and decision making.

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## Impartiality policy

Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation, Department of Science Service (BLA-DSS) is a non-profit organization and commits to be an accreditation body operating services compliance with the international standard ISO/IEC 17011: 2017 in order to ensure the efficient operation. BLA-DSS has announced the impartiality policy as follow;

BLA-DSS encourages all staff and committee who could influence the accreditation process to operate the accreditation process with impartiality, independent decision, non-conflict of interest, free from any undue commercial, financial and other pressures that could compromise the quality service.

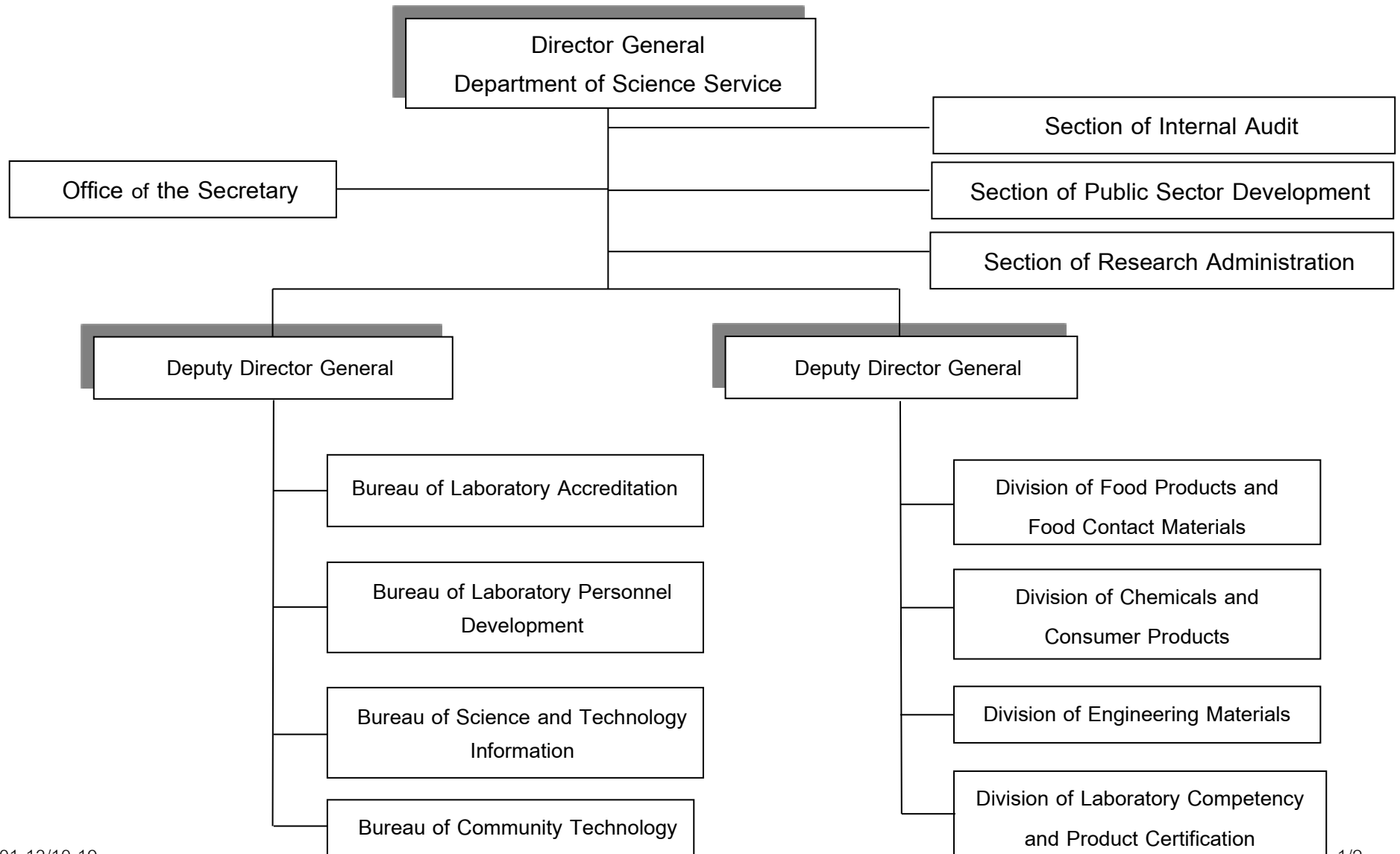
All accreditation management, committee and staff who could influence the accreditation process have to disclose any potential conflict of interest to the accreditation activities. It is the policy and procedures of the BLA-DSS that accreditation services shall be impartiality and provided in a non-discriminatory manner. Accreditation shall not be conditional upon the type, size of organization, its status of a private or public organization or its affiliation to any particular group or association and the number of accredited conformity assessment bodies. BLA-DSS does not engage in any activities which could compromise its impartiality. It does not provide consultancy to conformity assessment bodies, nor does its undertake any conformity assessment activities itself or have links with bodies providing consultancy to the conformity assessment sector, and it does not promote the service of any such body. BLA-DSS shall not provide any activities of each step of accreditation process that may affect impartiality.

BLA-DSS grants an accreditation from an impartiality decision of the Laboratory Accreditation Committee who has been appointed from non-conflict of interest and non-predominant agencies.

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# 1. Organisational structure of Department of Science Service



## 2. Organisational structure in quality system of Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation

