



# Accreditation – Present and Future trends

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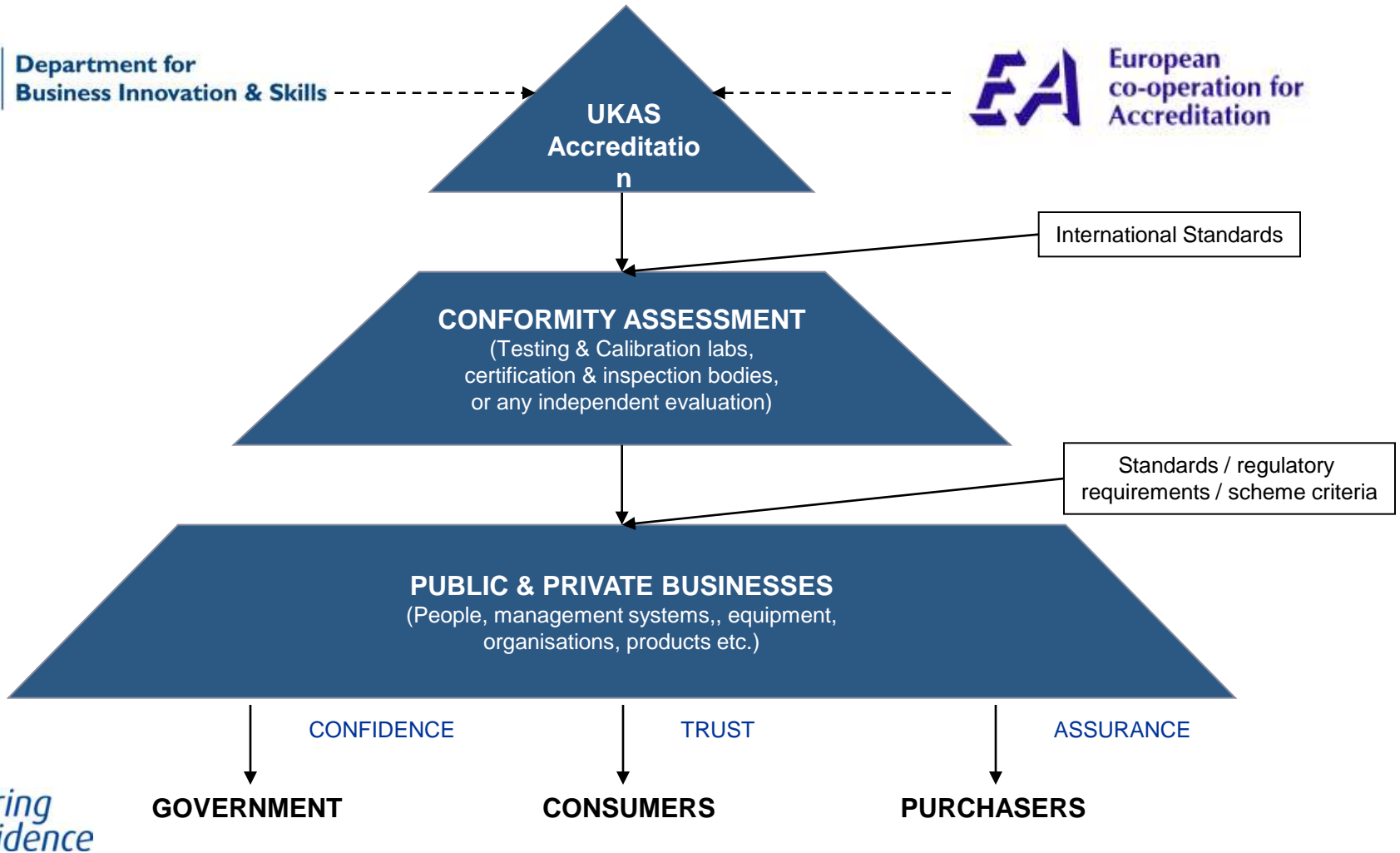
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# UKAS market position

**BIS** | Department for Business Innovation & Skills

**EA** European co-operation for Accreditation





# HMG Accreditation Policy (EU 765)

**BIS** | Department for Business  
Innovation & Skills

**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT  
AND ACCREDITATION POLICY  
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

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# Right approach

# Right result

- **UKAS declares the technical competence and impartiality of laboratories. (ISO 17025)**
  - **Methods and equipment to fit purpose**
  - **Qualified and competent personnel**
  - **Independent assessment of technical performance**
  - **Inter laboratory comparisons**
  - **Quality control – Quality assurance procedures**
- **Underpinned by a quality management system**



# UKAS in context

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- **UKAS established as a self-funding private company limited by guarantee**
- **Established 1995 – origins to 1966**
- **£14m turnover**
- **UKAS is a not-for-profit organisation**
- **148 staff**
- **Pool of 250 technical assessors (contract)**
- **Operating in the public interest**
- **16 ‘Shareholders’**



# UKAS Members

## Government



## Customers



## Business



## Professional Interests



## Consumer Interests

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# UKAS operates in the following sectors

**Testing and Calibration Laboratories**

**1460**

**Pathology and Medical Laboratories (CPA)**

**933**



Electrical,  
Physical & Thermal



Healthcare



Environment



Engineering Inspection



Construction  
Materials and Mechanics



Food, Agriculture &  
Biosciences Section



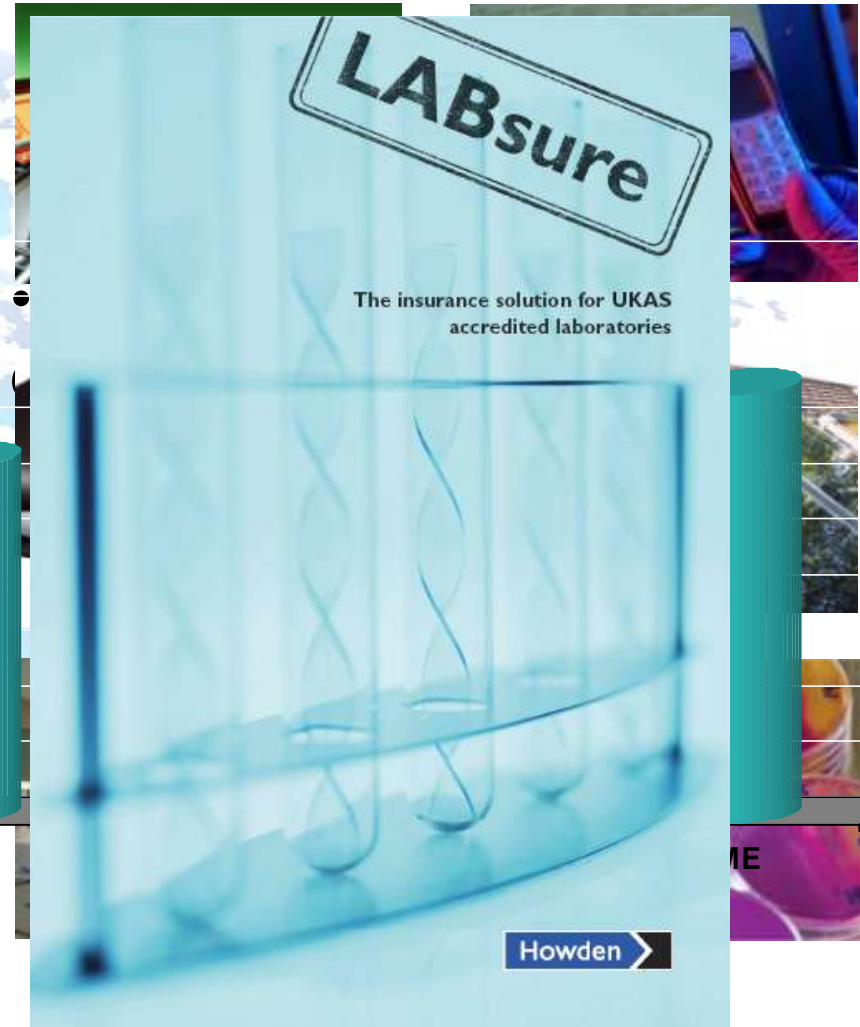
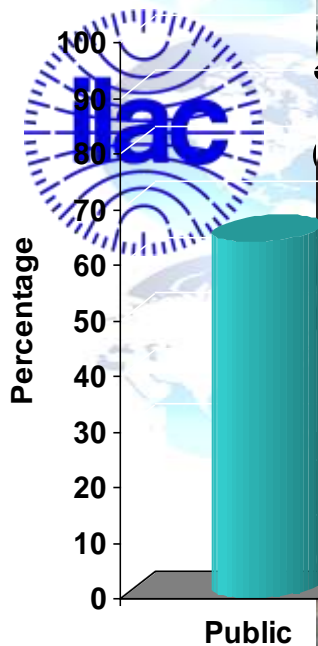
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Industrial Chemistry  
& Forensic Science

# Looking ahead – main drivers

- **Global economy**
- **Public sector efficiency (*more for less*)**
- **Procurer demand**
- **Insurance recognition**





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