C63 SC6 A2LA Update

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- Extensive experience working with US Regulators – CPSC, FCC, DoD, DoE, FDA, EPA, etc.
- Offers 3 primary services: accreditation, annual conference, and membership







Standards

ANSI C63.4 – **340** (337)

ANSI C63.4a – **75** (68)

ANSI C63.5 – **18** (17)

ANSI C63.10 – **259** (257)

ANSI C63.19 – **22** (22)

ANSI C63.26 – **184** (190)

Total for C63 – **350** (347)

Numbers in parentheses are from Spring 2025

Top Nonconforming Issues to C63 Standards

- LISN Connection
- Measurement Uncertainty
- 80 cm
- EUT Placement
- Antenna Calibration
- Site Validation (methods)
- 3 Years

Top 3 NC's - #3

- Competency Records (6.2.2)
  - These documented competencies need to include a number of elements, including education, training, and experience, and each position category that has an influence on laboratory results must have a documented level of competency.

Top 3 NC's - #2

- Management Review Inputs (8.9.2)
  - Section 8.9 covers management reviews, but clause 8.9.2 is where nonconformances most commonly arise. This clause contains a list of the information that must be recorded as part of a management review. This list includes 15 items, all of which the laboratory must take care to cover and record.

Top 3 NC's - #1

- Equipment (6.4)
  - This section requires procedures for all equipment, including but not limited to accessibility, maintenance, storage, calibration and record-keeping. Section 6.4.13 specifically is a common source of deficiencies: it lists the specific equipment records that laboratories must maintain for all the equipment in their facility which can influence the activities listed on their scope of accreditation.

Programs using C63 Standards

- FCC – **???** (230) Recognized – (75) US Test Labs – (19) TCBs
  - 2 Year Cycle/Extensions
  - Lack of Definitions/rules
  - Timely Publications
  - Closed
- ISED – **242** (240) Recognized – 61 (64) US
  - Limitations on Scopes/Checklists
  - US Labs/TCBs Expirations
- ASCA – **61** (59)
  - 88 Scope on A2LA Directory

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Updated Checklists

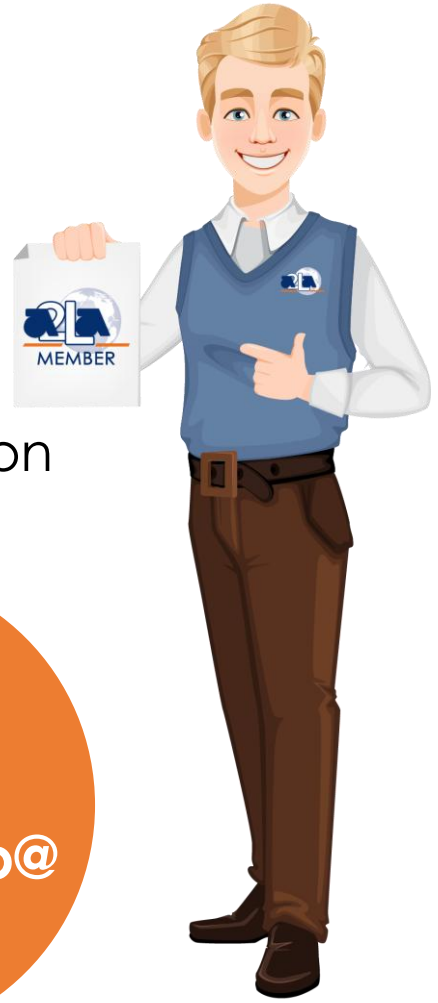
- New FCC and ISED Checklists
  - FCC
    - Blackout questions that are no longer applicable
    - Add lab attestation (2.951)
  - ISED
    - Added checkboxes for standard selections
    - Incorporated A311a

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- A2LA Membership, Separate from Accreditation
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  - April 12 – 15, 2026
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