

Clarifications related to MTCTE

Issue 1: What is meant by prescribed lab? Is there a list of these labs?

Clarification: Prescribed lab under MTCTE means TEC designated domestic lab (called CAB), or any TEC recognized CAB of a MRA partner country. List of such labs are available at <http://www.tec.gov.in/list-of-cabs-designated-by-india/>. Many more labs are under the process of designation.

Issue 2: What is ER and where can I get ER for my product?

Clarification: ERs are essential requirements, described in section 6.0 of MTCTE, which the telecom equipments needs to meet in order to be certified the scheme. The ERs are under preparation in TEC and shall be available on TEC website after 1st April 2018 for free download.

Issue 3: I need type approval for my equipments for participation in tenders. What will happen to type approval process after MTCTE comes into effect.

Clarification: The existing arrangement of preparation of GR/ IR and the process of Type Approval/ Interface Approval and certificate of Approval (TAC/ IAC/ CoA) shall continue as it is.

Issue 4: (a) If I have type approval for my equipment, does it help in certification under MTCTE? What is incremental testing?

(b) I need type approval for my product, but not the certificate under MTCTE, what will be the process?

Clarification: In case where valid Type/ Interface Approval Certificate (TAC/IAC) issued by TEC is in vogue for any particular equipment, only incremental testing and result evaluation is required for issue of certificate. The validity of this certificate shall be for the remaining period of TAC/IAC. If all the test parameters included in the ER of the equipment are included in the GR/ IR against which the TAC/ IAC is available, no testing is involved. Incremental testing shall be required in respect of test parameters included in ER but not included in GR/ IR. Certification under MTCTE is mandatory and application for TAC/ IAC/ CoA shall not be accepted unless equipment is also offered for certification under MTCTE.

Issue 5: How will the process of MTCTE administered?

Clarification: MTCTE will be administered through an online portal, which is under development. OEMs/ importers will be able to register on the portal, apply for testing and certification online and download their certificates.