



Service for Legal Traceability of Length for Electronic Distance Measurement Equipment

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Version History

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Approval

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1 Purpose

To provide a service that gives legal traceability of length to the national standard for distance measurements made using electronic distance measurement equipment (EDME).

2 Rationale

Section 20 of the *Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014* requires surveyors to ensure their equipment is standardised. The department therefore offers a service to enable surveyors to validate the traceability of their equipment to the national standards. The service is based on the department being appointed as a verifying authority for length under the provisions of the *National Measurement Act 1960 (Cth)*.

The department is formally appointed as a verifying authority for length by the National Measurement Institute (NMI). As a prerequisite for appointment as a verifying authority, the department is assessed for its technical competence in providing calibration services by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA), in accordance with the requirements of *AS ISO/IEC 17025:2005 General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

3 Policy

The department will maintain its appointment as a verifying authority for length with the National Measurement Institute.

The department will continue to provide and maintain the infrastructure and procedures that are necessary for the community to achieve legal traceability for their EDME. This will be carried out through two services:

a. Baseline Calibration

The department will maintain certification of approved baselines, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the *National Measurement Regulation 1999 (Cth)*. The department may certify any approved non-departmental baselines and reserve the right to recover costs.

The department will respond accordingly to reported instability or disturbance to the monuments of approved baselines.

b. EDME Traceability

The department will ensure that both the approved software and the recommended procedures are made available to the community for the purposes of achieving traceability of length for EDME.

4 Definitions

EDME - electronic distance measurement equipment

NATA - National Association of Testing Authorities

NMI - National Measurement Institute

5 Legislation

Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014

National Measurement Act 1960 (Cth)