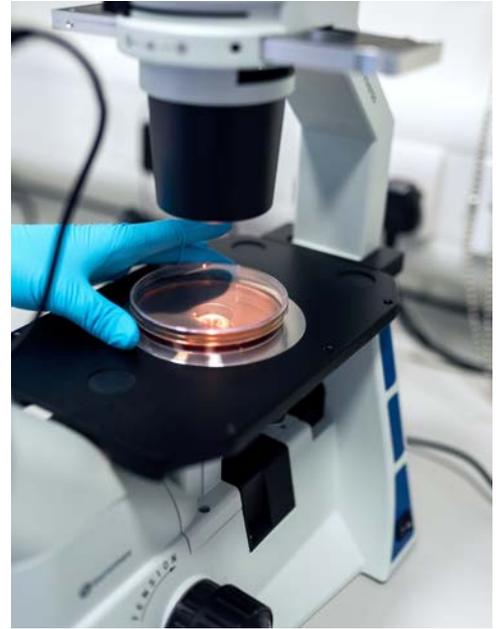




Forensic Analysis: Used in Courts of Law or for legal argument – Oxford Dictionary.



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AS 5388 Forensic Analysis (2013)

5388.1 Part 1: Recognition, recording, recovery, transport and storage of material

5388.3 Part 3: Interpretation

5388.2 Part 2: Analysis and examination of material

5388.4 Part 4: Reporting

Complying with the the requirements of the relevant parts of AS 5388 (2013) can help you demonstrate that you have the processes in place to allow your examinations and analysis to be admissible in Australian Courts of Law.

What is AS 5388?

AS 5388 was developed in response to the increasing scope of forensic examination and analysis currently undertaken by an expanding number of private companies and government departments.

This expansion comes at a time when expert evidence is increasingly being scrutinised by both the courts and the media.



Who is AS 5388 for?

AS 5388 can be applied in any organisation which undertakes any form of forensic examination, review or analysis in a legal context.

The provisions of this document are aimed at qualified personnel with demonstrated competence in the use of appropriate 'scientific' procedures and techniques in a forensic context.

In this context 'scientific' also includes examinations which are 'methodical' or 'systematic'.

What are the benefits of AS 5388?

- ✓ Provides the structure in which an organisation can take around a comprehensive risk-based view on implementing controls.
- ✓ Incorrect processing of information, misleading reporting and evidence deemed inadmissible all have potential catastrophic consequences. AS 5388 Forensic Analysis can help solve this.

The development of a core forensic standards framework for Australia

Forensic laboratories, and less so field forensic organisations, are familiar with the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and other standards principally through third-party accreditation against ISO 17025.

However, there are a limited number of forensic-specific standards.

The often quoted 2009 National Research Council (NRC) and National Academies (NAS) report on strengthening forensic science identified the lack of formal standards as a major issue.

Recognising the end-to-end nature of the forensic enterprise ... a standard has been developed.

Robertson, J., et al. (2014). Forensic Science Policy & Management: An International Journal.

Why certify to AS 5388?

- ✓ Demonstrate to your customers your commitment to DNA contamination minimisation
- ✓ Enhance your reputation and differentiate from the competition
- ✓ Identify opportunities to drive process improvements
- ✓ Embed contamination minimisation systems in the culture of the organisation

How do I demonstrate compliance to AS 5388?

The Bureau Veritas approach to demonstrate compliance follows a clear defined process. Definition of compliance assessment scope audit is performed in 2 stages:

- ✓ Stage 1 – readiness review performed to verify that the organisation is ready to progress to the next stage of the assessment
- ✓ Stage 2 – evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness, of the management system of the organisation

Following the 2 stage audit, the following steps will be taken:

- ✓ A certificate, valid for 3 years, is issued upon satisfactory results of the stage 2 audit
- ✓ Annual surveillance audits verify that the management system continues to fulfil the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- ✓ Re-assessment after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole

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