

17025Academy vs. a consultant

Use our handy 17025Academy vs. a consultant comparison matrix to figure out the best method for implementing ISO/IEC 17025 in your company. Find out the pros and cons of hiring a consultant, versus taking advantage of the knowledge and expertise of the team at 17025Academy.

This is an excellent opportunity to make an informed decision, by comparing cost, difficulty, the time required, and completeness of the documentation.

Outside Consultant	17025Academy
A consultant is expensive, because they have to spend so much time in your office. However, a bad consultant ultimately costs even more.	Because you don't have to pay a consultant for his time, the project cost goes down considerably. When you use 17025Academy's online expert advice, it could cost only a fraction of what you would have to pay for a consultant.
The consultant does all of the hard work, including interviewing employees, creating the documents, conducting analyses, and making any needed corrections.	You'll need to do the work, but you're never totally alone. We'll help you figure out the necessary inputs and which documents are required – and, the documents are already 80 to 90% completed. You just need to fill in information specific to your laboratory.
The final documentation will be customized to your laboratory, including its policies and processes.	Our templates are fully customizable, so you can modify anything you want to in order to meet your needs.
The consultant does all the work, so you'll have all this extra time for other things, right?	When your own employees develop the documentation, those employees take ownership and are more likely to be invested in the outcomes. When new procedures and records are forced upon them from an outsider, they are often ignored, so no benefits are realized, and everyone's time is wasted.

<p>The consultant will tell you exactly what to do, what not to do, and what to focus your time and effort on.</p>	<p>We will, too! And without the risk of micromanaging you and your employees. We also provide you with a complete project plan, which includes step-by-step guidance and expert support throughout your implementation.</p>
<p>When a consultant comes onto your premises, he discovers your weaknesses, learns your strategies, and can access your company secrets.</p>	<p>No confidential information can go out, because you develop the documentation on your own.</p>
<p>The consultant will review all the documents, make any needed corrections, and ensure your compliance with ISO/IEC 17025.</p>	<p>We also do this; depending on the toolkit you choose, we will review a certain number of documents as part of the service included in the toolkit.</p>
<p>The consultant will show you the criteria for the ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation audit and tell you exactly what to do to prepare for the assessment.</p>	<p>Yes, so will we. Our document templates meet all the requirements of the ISO/IEC 17025 standard, and even provide guidance in the comments regarding what you can leave out, and what you can't. Plus, we're always around to answer your questions about what you should expect from the accreditation body auditor.</p>
<p>When the implementation project is finished, the consultant leaves – taking all of that expertise with him. Many times, employees don't completely understand how to maintain the documentation, which means they'll use it less and less, and ultimately abandon all of that documentation you paid for.</p>	<p>When you do the implementation yourself with help from 17025Academy, you keep all of your new knowledge right where it belongs – inside your organization. Your employees learn how to maintain the documentation, make improvements, and use it every day.</p>

<p>Consultants usually have fixed fees that cover the whole project. If you are not satisfied with the overall service, you'll probably still be required to pay the full amount.</p>	<p>You pay one time, only for what you need, and the templates are yours to use as many times as you want.</p>
<p>A consultant will make the implementation project faster.</p>	<p>Well, yes, we can't argue with that. It will take you more time to finish your ISO/IEC 17025 implementation project yourself, but our templates make it easier to do at an agreeable pace.</p>
<p>The consultant is my new best friend, and I like having him around.</p>	<p>Well, we really can't hang out in your office, but we're nice guys, and you'll like us, too :)</p>