Palestine Standards Institution,
PSI

PSI started operations in 1996. Today, 20 years later, the institution employs 130 people distributed among its main functions, namely Standardization, Certification, and Metrology. PSI’s operation is governed by an independent board of directors chaired by the Minister of National Economy, and includes representatives from industry, academic institutions and related PNA ministries.

PSI has been able to press forward with most of its functions and was able to achieve the following: adopting and developing over 3700 standards most of which are harmonized with international standards, Grant over 270 quality and supervision marks to various Palestinian companies in various sectors, Calibrating hundreds of measuring devices and tools in the market and for factories and laboratories. Signing general cooperation and mutual recognition agreements with different countries, PSI, became a subscriber member of ISO in 2001 and has just upgraded its membership to correspondent member in 2004.
SCOPE OF SERVICE OF THE ORGANIZATION (RESPONSIBILITIES)

Standardization activities (development and publication of standards)………………………………………..
   i. Use of information technologies for standardization to raise social awareness…………………………
   ii. Training services ………………………………………………………………………………………………………
   iii. Consultancy services ……………………………………………………………………………………………
   iv. Sales of standards and other guides………………………………………………………………………………

Conformity assessment services…………………………………………………………………………………………
   i. Product certification…………………………………………………………………………………..………………
   ii. Management systems certification………………………………………………………………………………
   iii. Inspection services (import, export, market surveillance)…………………………………………………

Accreditation services………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
   Ministry of National Economy – Accreditation Unit

Metrology activities ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………
   i. Member body is also a national metrology institute ……………………………………………………………
   ii. Legal metrology activities…………………………………………………………………………………………
   iii. Calibration services……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Testing services………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
   Other (please explain briefly)

PERSONNEL INFORMATION
Number of the staff working full time and directly employed by the organization……………….130

COMMITTEES
Number of national technical bodies for standardization activities (TCs+SCs)………………. TCs 35
   under PSI

NATIONAL STANDARDS
Number of national standards published……………………………………………………………………………….3700
Number of OIC/SMIIC standards adopted as national standards………………………………….3