

64808.10 Reciprocity Accreditation

(a)

Laboratories physically located outside of the State of California shall obtain accreditation through reciprocity.

(b)

For laboratories physically located outside the State of California, the environmental laboratory accreditation program of another state or federal agency shall be recognized for the purposes of reciprocity if the accreditation program requirements related to quality systems, test methods, Proficiency Testing, on-site assessments, personnel, and laboratory facilities and equipment are at least as stringent as ELAP accreditation requirements.

(c)

The environmental laboratory accreditation programs of other state or federal agencies shall be recognized for reciprocity through a written agreement with ELAP.

(d)

For reciprocity accreditation, the period of accreditation shall be the time remaining on the certificate of accreditation provided by the Primary Accreditation Body. If a laboratory submits a certificate of accreditation from more than one Primary Accreditation Body, then the period of accreditation will be the time remaining on the certificate of accreditation that expires first.

(e)

A laboratory applying for accreditation by reciprocity shall: (1) Submit a Complete Application Package in accordance with Section 64802.00(b); and (2) Pay the required fees in accordance with Section 64802.25.

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(f)

A laboratory accredited through reciprocity may be subject to an on-site assessment. When ELAP conducts an on-site assessment for an out-of-state laboratory, the laboratory shall reimburse ELAP for all per diem and travel expenses incurred, in addition to the assessment fees in accordance with Section 64802.25.

(g)

If a laboratory, accredited through reciprocity, is notified of Suspension or Revocation of its certificate of accreditation by its Primary Accreditation Body, then the laboratory shall: (1) Cease all reporting of results for Regulatory Purposes; and (2) Notify ELAP within ten (10) days of the notification of Suspension or Revocation.

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(h)

If a reciprocity agreement with the accreditation program of another state or

federal agency is revoked by ELAP, any certificate of accreditation issued by ELAP to an affected laboratory shall be valid until the expiration date on the certificate of accreditation.