

64821 Reciprocity Agreements

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Another State's, or a United States agency's environmental laboratory certification, accreditation, or licensing program shall be recognized for the purposes of reciprocity if the program requires: (1) periodic analyses of performance evaluation samples by the participating laboratories with the frequency of submittal, the method of evaluation, and the established acceptance limits at least equal to those established in Section 64809 of this Chapter; (2) on-site evaluation of participating laboratories during which the laboratory is reviewed under criteria at least equal to that established in Section 64807 of this Chapter; (3) standards for quality assurance, laboratory facilities, test methods, laboratory equipment, and personnel for participating laboratories at least equal to those in Sections 64811, 64813, 64815, and 64817 of this Chapter.

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(b)

Where reciprocity exists, each laboratory seeking California certification shall submit: (1) an application pursuant to Section 64805(a) of this Chapter; (2) copies of the results evaluated, or scored, from the last performance evaluation sample testing conducted by the laboratory for the other program; (3) copies of the last on-site evaluation report prepared by the other program and the laboratory's response to any deficiencies noted; (4) all applicable fees pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 1017(a); and (5) a copy of the certificate, license, permit, or authorization to operate as an environmental laboratory issued to the laboratory by the other agency.

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(c)

When a reciprocity agreement exists between the Department and another State, only those laboratories that reside within the boundaries of the other State shall be eligible for certification through reciprocity.

(d)

If a reciprocity agreement with another State, or U.S. government agency is revoked, all certificates issued by the Department to all affected laboratories shall remain valid until the stated expiration date.

(e)

No fees are waived where reciprocity exists.

(f)

A laboratory certified under reciprocity may be visited or issued performance evaluation samples by the Department for the purposes of addressing questions or concerns on quality of results raised by any California government agency who has received a report from the laboratory. Applicable performance evaluation sample costs, pursuant to Section 1017(f) or travel costs pursuant to Section 1017(b) of the Health and Safety Code shall be paid.