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**SUBJECT:** Update to the administration of the CMVP exam transitioning to Pearson VUE

On July 1, 2017, the administration of the CMVP remote proficiency/round-table quiz transitioned to the computer-based *Cryptographic Validation Program (CVP) Certified Tester* exam, administered by Pearson Vue. (reference LB-99-2017, January 31, 2017).

**Effective September 1, 2018**, NVLAP will schedule the onsite assessments only after a laboratory demonstrates that two CVP certified testers are employed or under contract. A laboratory that does not employ, or have under contract, a minimum of two CVP certified testers is subject to adverse actions to its accreditation status (i.e. suspension). All independent testers and approved signatories are required to successfully pass the exam.

In addition, the reexamination period for CVP certified testers is extended from a two-year frequency to a four-year frequency. In the event of major program updates, such as the adoption of a new FIPS 140 standard, the reexamination frequency may be temporarily reduced to account for new technical requirements.

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