

## **GENERAL APPLICATION FOR NEW LABORATORIES**

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### **Instructions for completing the application for accreditation**

1. To fill in and save this application form, you must have the latest version of the Adobe Reader software installed on your computer. This software is freely available from the [Adobe Reader website](#).\*
2. Thoroughly review the accreditation requirements published in NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*, and in the handbook of the Laboratory Accreditation Program(s) (LAP) for which you are applying. These requirements are published on the LAP webpage for each program. See <http://www.nist.gov/nvlap/>.
3. Complete this interactive fillable General Application Form by entering the requested information in each highlighted box or field. To move from one field to the next, press the Tab key.
4. The laboratory's Authorized Representative (AR) must sign page 4 of the General Application to signify agreement with the NVLAP Conditions for Accreditation.
5. Send this application to NVLAP at [nvlap@nist.gov](mailto:nvlap@nist.gov). It is recommended that you retain a copy for your records. Do not pay accreditation fees at this time. Payment of fees will be handled through the NVLAP Interactive Web System (NIWS).
6. NVLAP will email an acknowledgment to the AR, along with user account information, a link to the NIWS laboratory portal, and instructions for completing the remaining application steps through the NIWS.\*\*
7. For more information, go to NVLAP's website, <http://www.nist.gov/nvlap/>, and click on "Apply for Accreditation." For assistance, contact NVLAP by phone, (301) 975-4016; fax, (301) 926 2884; or email, [nvlap@nist.gov](mailto:nvlap@nist.gov).

\* Software is identified in order to assist users of this information service. In no case does such identification imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

\*\* If the remaining application steps are not completed within six months of receipt of this form, the application may be canceled.

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1. **LEGAL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS** of the laboratory.

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Laboratory Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Line 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Line 2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP + 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Foreign City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Foreign Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

2. **LABORATORY NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE AND SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION**

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3. **LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LAP)** for which the laboratory is applying.

You may select more than one program.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acoustical Testing Services              | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Warfare System(s)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Fiber Analysis                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ionizing Radiation Dosimetry               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biometrics Testing                       | <input type="checkbox"/> ITST: Common Criteria Testing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calibration Laboratories                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ITST: Cryptographic & Security Testing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet and Carpet Cushion                | <input type="checkbox"/> ITST: Healthcare Information Tech. Testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Materials Testing           | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement and Correct. Equipment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiency of Electric Motors            | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Detection Instruments            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electromagnetic Compatibility & Telecom. | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal Insulation Materials               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficient Lighting Products       | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting System Testing                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fasteners and Metals                     | Wood-Based Products   |

4. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE** of the laboratory. The Authorized Representative is responsible for ensuring that the laboratory complies with the conditions and criteria for accreditation. This person's name will appear in NVLAP directories and on Scopes of Accreditation. The Authorized Representative will receive all NVLAP correspondence, receive proficiency testing materials and reports, and be contacted about on-site assessments.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONDITIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

To become accredited and maintain accreditation, a laboratory shall agree in writing to comply with the following NVLAP conditions for accreditation:

- a) comply at all times with the NVLAP requirements for accreditation as set forth in NIST Handbook 150 and relevant technical documents, including any changes to those requirements;
- b) fulfill the accreditation procedure, especially to receive the assessment team and allow access to information, documents, and records;
- c) when the laboratory conducts activities at clients' sites, have arrangements to provide access to the assessment team;
- d) pay the fees charged to the applicant laboratory as determined by NVLAP, and maintain relevant financial agreements;
- e) participate in proficiency testing as required;
- f) follow NVLAP conditions for referencing accreditation status (see Annex A and Annex E);
- g) resolve all nonconformities;
- h) report to NVLAP within 30 days any significant changes relevant to its accreditation, in any aspect of its status or operation relating to:
  - legal, commercial, organizational, or ownership status,
  - organization, top management, or key personnel, including Authorized Representative and Approved Signatories,
  - main policies,
  - resources and location, including equipment, facilities, and working environment, where significant,
  - scope of accreditation, or
  - other matters that may affect the laboratory's ability to comply with the requirements of NIST Handbook 150 and/or relevant technical documents;
- i) return to NVLAP the Certificate of Accreditation and the Scope of Accreditation should it be requested to do so by NVLAP.

In addition to the confidentiality provisions of NIST Handbook 150 paragraph 1.7, NVLAP (administered by NIST) and the laboratory seeking accreditation acknowledge and agree that the accreditation assessments and proficiency testing work done by NIST/NVLAP is done in accordance with the authority granted to NIST by Title 15 United States Code Section 3710a. The Parties further agree that to the extent permitted by law, NIST will protect information obtained during application, on-site assessment, proficiency testing, evaluation, and accreditation from disclosure pursuant to Title 15 USC 3710a(c)(7)(A) and (7)(B) for a period of five (5) years after it is obtained.

For the first five years that laboratory information is held by NVLAP, both confidentiality provisions will be in force — NIST Handbook 150 and 15USC3710a. Information in NVLAP's possession for more than five years will continue to be held in confidence under the provision of NIST Handbook 150.

As the applicant laboratory's **Authorized Representative**, I agree to the above conditions for accreditation. I attest that all statements made in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_