

# Laboratory Accreditation Transition

<b>Current</b>	R.J. Lee (WSLCB) Accreditor	WSLCB Proficiency Testing	WSLCB Certifier	WSLCB Enforcement
<b>2SHB2151 7/01/2024</b>	WSDA Accreditor	WSDA Proficiency Testing	WSLCB Certifier	WSLCB Enforcement
<b>Proposed 7/01/2024</b>	R.J. Lee (WSDA) Accreditor	WSDA Proficiency Testing	WSLCB Certifier	WSLCB Enforcement
<b>Final Summary 1/01/2025</b>	<b>WSDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Accreditation</li> <li>• Proficiency Testing Standard</li> <li>• Laboratory Standards</li> <li>• Laboratory Accreditation Education and Compliance</li> </ul>		<b>WSLCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Enforcement &amp; Education</li> <li>• Product Standards</li> <li>• Laboratory Certification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Product Testing Rule</li> <li>○ Product Reporting Rule</li> <li>○ Proficiency Testing Frequency</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## Laboratory Accreditation and Certification

Laboratories must be certified by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) in order to test cannabis products in the I-502 marketplace. To be granted certification from WSLCB, testing laboratories must first receive accreditation from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). Laboratory certification must be renewed annually and is contingent upon maintaining annual accreditation with WSDA.

WSDA will provide WSLCB with a summary of the accreditation audit and letter of accreditation approval status upon completion of initial laboratory accreditation, and in an ongoing basis after yearly laboratory audits. The summary contains details of the laboratory's deficiencies and compliance status.

## Proficiency Testing

WSLCB and WSDA will require laboratories to participate in a WSDA approved proficiency testing program. WSDA will provide proficiency testing results to WSLCB. As part of accreditation, WSDA will receive and monitor laboratory proficiency testing results from all laboratories holding an active accreditation in an ongoing basis. WSDA will provide the WSLCB a list of approved proficiency testing providers WSDA will maintain proficiency testing requirements in rule as pertaining to WSDA accreditation.

WSLCB will determine the fields of testing based on product standards identified in WAC 314-55. WSLCB will monitor proficiency testing results provided by the WSDA, and non-compliance with proficiency testing standards may be enforced by the WSLCB.

## Rule Development

WSDA developed rules in WAC 16-309 and 16-310 associated with implementing the term 'accreditation' and how laboratories will obtain and maintain laboratory accreditation, to include proficiency testing, and laboratory standards.

WSLCB will develop rules in WAC 314-55 to implement House Bill 2151 and modify existing rules to reflect the shift of responsibility of laboratory standards and proficiency testing from WSLCB to WSDA.

WSLCB laboratory certification requirements may include but are not limited to:

- product testing requirements
- frequency of proficiency testing
- reporting requirements
- traceability
- chain of custody

## **Education, Compliance and Enforcement**

WSDA will be responsible for laboratory accreditation, providing education to laboratories on laboratory standards and proficiency testing. WSDA will notify WSLCB of any laboratories that are denied accreditation. WSLCB will provide WSDA with changes in laboratory certification status.

WSLCB will be responsible for providing education to licensee and laboratories on product standards, reporting requirements, traceability, chain of custody and laboratory certification requirements and compliance. The WSLCB will engage in compliance oversight of rules established by the WSLCB. Any laboratory suspensions, re-certification non-renewal, and revocations of certification will be shared with WSDA.