

Selecting an Accreditation Body (AB)

The selection of an accrediting body is an important process, because, ultimately, it is the accreditation body that determines whether the laboratory complies with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

When selecting an accreditation body the lab should take into account, among other things:

1. Accreditation body's qualifications,
2. Knowledge and experience in conducting assessments in your scope of testing,
3. Do they provide other services such as consulting services, training, resources, etc
4. Duration periods of accreditation
5. Costs
6. Accreditation Process – preparation phase, on-site review, report, and follow-up
7. Independent third party accreditation based on internationally agreed standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005

Here is a list of the United States of America Accreditation Bodies that are currently accrediting food testing laboratories. They all have the same credentials. These accreditation bodies are full members of ILAC, and signatories to the arrangement MRA. They all went through the same process of becoming recognized for its accreditation program.

Accreditation Body	Accredits Food Testing Laboratories (Yes/No) *	Scope	Contact Information	Accreditation is granted for
American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)	yes	Testing Calibration	Tel:1 301 644 3248 Fax:1 301 662 2974 Email: punger@a2la.org Website: : http://www.a2la.org Accredited Laboratories	2 years First has
International Accreditation Service, Inc (IAS)	yes	Testing Calibration	Tel:1 562 699 0541 Fax:1 562 699 8031 Email: info@iasonline.org Website: http://www.iasonline.org Accredited Laboratories	Initial 1 year, Then 1, 2, 3 year
ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board doing business as ACLASS	yes	Testing Calibration	Tel:1 877 344 3044 Fax:1 703 836 0040 Email: info@aclasscorp.com Website: http://www.aiclasscorp.com Accredited Laboratories	2 years
Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B)	yes	Testing Calibration	Tel:260 637 2705 Fax:260 637 2791 Email: dleonard@l-a-b.com Website: http://www.l-a-b.com	3 years

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			Accredited Laboratories	
Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (PJLA)	yes	Testing Calibration	Tel:1 248 519 2603 Fax:1 248 213 0737 Email: tszerszen@pjlabs.com Website: : http://www.pjlabs.com Accredited Laboratories	2 to 5 years
AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Program, LLC (AIHA-LAP, LLC)	yes	Testing	Tel: +1 703 846 0789 Fax: +1 703 207 8558 Email: cmorton@aiha.org Website: http://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org	2 years

This list is not complete by any means and by no means in order of preference.
Please check complete listing of signatories at ILAC website
<https://www.ilac.org/Membersdetails.html>

FDA/ORS Accreditation Assessors will not recommend or give advice on accreditation bodies.

Accreditation Mentors, please refrain from making recommendations about accreditation bodies.

State Labs shall be solely responsible for the selection of the Accreditation Body. We encourage all the labs seeking accreditation to get to know as many ABs as you can, and choose the one that is best suited for your laboratory's needs.