



Guidance for Application to State of Oklahoma TNI Laboratory Accreditation
 Oklahoma Administrative Code 252:307

Note that all fee costs used in this guidance document are examples and may not be current. Current fees are posted on the website at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/state-environmental-laboratory-services/laboratory-accreditation/>.

Where to File:

An initial, interim (scope extension), and renewal application form can be found on the DEQ webpage, as well as category files, rules, and fees.

An initial and/or renewal application form must be signed manually – electronic signatures currently cannot be accepted. Email the signed form and all attachments to LabAccreditation@deq.ok.gov, or you may mail them to the following address:

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
 Laboratory Accreditation Program
 P.O. Box 1677
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677

New (Initial) Laboratories to the Program Fees:

New applicants to the program will be assessed an initial application fee in addition to the applicable category accreditation fee(s). The initial application fee and category fees must be submitted with the application and are not refundable. Laboratories will also be assessed an assessment fee based on the technologies requested and the complexity of the laboratory application but will not exceed a limit of \$10,000.00. Applications will not be considered unless the initial application fee and category fees are received with the application. To minimize processing time, you may submit all associated fees with the application.

(A) Initial application fee \$ 1,252.92

Plus

(B) Category accreditation fees:
 (1) one category \$ 516.88
 (2) two categories \$ 1,033.77
 (3) three categories \$ 1,550.66
 (4) four categories \$ 2,067.55
 (5) five or more categories \$ 2,584.43

Plus

(C) Assessment fee: \$TBD

Assessment fee is based on reimbursement of the assessor's time and related expenses.

Example:

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| Initial application Fee | \$ 1,252.92 |
| Metals and BOD (2 categories) | \$ 1,033.77 |
| Assessment | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,786.69 |

The category fee charge is a maximum of 5 categories. The laboratory may request more than 5 but will only be invoiced for 5. Assessment fees are based on the complexity of the laboratory application but will not exceed a limit of \$10,000.00.

Continued Participation (Renewal) in the Program Fee:

Laboratories currently accredited and wishing to renew their accreditation must complete the application process as an initial laboratory. The laboratory will be assessed an annual application review fee in addition to the applicable category accreditation fee(s). These fee(s) for accreditation (as well as the application) must be received by our office by 4:30 p.m. on or before June 15th in order to avoid a late filing fee. Any renewal application and/or fees received after 4:30 p.m. on July 15 will be returned, and accreditation for the applicable period will not be renewable.

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| (A) Annual application fee | \$ 37.40 |
| (B) For accreditation amendment | \$ 73.68 |
| (C) Interim application for laboratory accreditation | \$ 737.14 |
| (D) Category accreditation fees: | |
| (1) one category | \$ 516.88 |
| (2) two categories | \$ 1,033.77 |
| (3) three categories | \$ 1,550.66 |
| (4) four categories | \$ 2,067.55 |
| (5) five or more categories | \$ 2,584.43 |
| (E) Renewal late fee | \$ 368.41 |

Example:

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| Renewal application fee | \$ 37.40 |
| Metals and BOD (2 categories) | \$ 1,033.77 |
| Total | \$ 1,071.17 |

Filing after June 15th but before July 15th

Example:

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| Renewal application fee | \$ 37.40 |
| Metals and BOD (2 categories) | \$ 1,033.77 |
| Late fee | \$ 368.41 |
| Total | \$ 1,439.58 |

Scope Extension (Interim accreditation) Fees:

A participating laboratory that requests an expansion of their scope must apply for interim accreditation (out of time filing) which will be assessed an interim accreditation fee in addition to any category fee(s) the laboratory requests to be added. Primary laboratories may also be assessed an assessment fee based on the technologies requested and the complexity of the laboratory application but will not exceed a limit of \$10,000.00.

This interim accreditation process is for participating laboratories and may be requested at any time during the accreditation year to expand their scope of accreditation.

Example:

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| Interim application fee | \$ 737.14 |
| Metals and BOD (2 categories) | \$ 1,033.77 |
| Assessment Fee | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,270.91 |

Amendment Fee:

Laboratories that have a change of address, name, and ownership only. The accreditation is non-transferable.

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| (A) Accreditation amendment fee | \$ 73.68 |
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Example:

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| Accreditation amendment fee | \$ 73.68 |
| Total | \$ 73.68 |

Please make checks payable to "Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality."
Fees are adjusted annually based on current CPI.

General Instructions for Completion of an Annual Application Form

The application form, attachments and all enclosures must be typewritten. Be sure to complete and enclose all items listed. If a question is not applicable to your facility or activity, enter N/A in the space.

The application must be signed by the owner of the laboratory, a designated agent of the corporation or an authorized representative of the owner or corporation.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain a photocopy of the completed application form, attachments and all of its enclosures.

Be sure to double check your application for completeness and accuracy before submitting it.

Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be returned.

Parameters and Analytical Methods:

Parameters and analytical methods are listed on the TNI Generic Application webpage; select those method, analytes(s) and matrices for which you wish accreditation. Please read the TNI generic application user's manual before logging onto the TNI application page. Complete the TNI Generic Application with all laboratory information that you wish to be displayed on the TNI webpage. Complete the DEQ Application with all of the laboratory information. Please complete the TNI generic and DEQ applications with all key personnel listing: owner, responsible party, quality assurance coordinator, and technical manager(s). Submission of the DEQ application with the landlord notification affidavit plus the submission of the TNI Generic Application must be received to complete the application. In addition to the applications, please submit the following documents to support the laboratory operations.

Initial primary laboratories must submit the following information:

- Completed TNI checklist (applicant must request prior to submission of application with proof of ownership of the TNI standard)
- Instrumentation and equipment list
- Accreditation/certification granted by other states
- 2 successful proficiency testing results:
 - A listing of proficiency testing providers can be found on the TNI webpage
 - <https://nelac-institute.org/content/NEPTP/ptproviders.php>
- Quality assurance manual
- Standard operation procedure manual (including all requested methods)
- Personnel qualification
 - Key personnel (Including demonstration of capability if required)
 - Technical Manager

Initial secondary laboratories must submit the following information:

- Accreditation certificate with scope granted from the primary state

Renewal primary laboratories must submit the following information only if there are changes made since the last application:

- Completed TNI checklist (applicant must request prior to submission of application with proof of ownership of the TNI standard)
- Instrumentation and equipment list
- Accreditation/certification granted by other states
- Assessment: copies of the last assessment if not already on file
- 2 successful proficiency testing results:
 - A listing of proficiency testing providers can be found on the TNI webpage
 - <https://nelac-institute.org/content/NEPTP/ptproviders.php>
- Quality assurance manual
- Standard operation procedure manual (including all requested methods)
- Personnel qualification
 - Key personnel (Including demonstration of capability if required)
 - Technical Manager

Interim primary applications must include the following information only if there are changes not on file:

- Standard operation procedure manual
- Instrumentation and equipment list
 - Personnel qualification
 - Key personnel (Including demonstration of capability if required)
 - Technical Manager
- Accreditation/certification granted by other states

- Assessment scheduled: (as required)
 - 2 successful proficiency testing results:
 - A listing of proficiency testing providers can be found on the TNI webpage
 - <https://nelac-institute.org/content/NEPTP/ptproviders.php>

Interim secondary applications must include the following information only if there are changes not on file:

- Accreditation certificate with scope granted from the primary state