
CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF NON-WADA ACCREDITED LABORATORIES FOR THE ATHLETE BIOLOGICAL PASSPORT

During its meeting held on May 08, 2010, WADA's Executive Committee endorsed the following criteria in order to approve non-WADA accredited laboratories (e.g., clinical, forensic laboratories) for blood analyses in support of the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP).

It is considered that the current network of WADA accredited laboratories may be geographically limited to fully serve the practical development of the ABP, for some regions of the world in particular. Therefore, WADA has developed the following criteria for non-WADA accredited laboratories that have the capacity to analyze blood variables and wish to join the network of laboratories under provision 6.1 (*"Use of Approved Laboratories"*) of the World Anti-Doping Code.

This set of criteria has been established in order to ensure that the relevant requirements are met by non-WADA accredited laboratories to produce and deliver quality analyses of haematological variables to the anti-doping system for the benefit of the ABP.

CRITERIA (*in no particular order of importance*):

- Valid ISO accreditation (ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO 15189);
- Satisfactory participation in the WADA EQAS program for analyses of blood variables;
- Compliance with relevant WADA documents including the International Standard for Laboratories, Section 6.0, relevant sections of Annex A and Annex B;
- Blood analysis procedures in compliance with TD BAR;
- Intra-laboratory Chain of Custody compliant with TD LCOC;
- Conformity in reporting to Testing Authority or ADOs (compliance with TD LDOC on Documentation Packages);
- Familiarity with WADA Guidelines, including the WADA Athlete Biological Passport Operating Guideline;
- Cooperation in support of the administrative and legal process when anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs) are reviewed and possibly prosecuted by ADOs;
- Obtain support of one or more ADOs in order to initiate the approval process by WADA; and
- ADO's assurance that a sufficient number of samples be provided per year.

APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Interested laboratories and supporting ADOs are requested to contact WADAⁱ to initiate the approval process. The procedure shall follow the relevant provisions of Section 4.0 of the International Standard for Laboratories (ISL) (with specific exceptions based on the particular needs of the ABP) in order to approve non-WADA-accredited laboratories.

Relevant provisions of ISL, section 4.0, as applied to the process and requirements for WADA approval include:

- ISL 4.1.1 Expression of Interest (include letter of support from one or more ADOs);
- ISL 4.1.2 Submit initial Application Form;
- ISL 4.1.4 Description of the Candidate Laboratory (the information should be specific to the conduct of the ABP testing);
- ISL 4.1.5 Conduct Initial Visit;
- ISL 4.1.6 Issue final report and recommendation;
- ISL 4.1.7 Initial Accreditation Fee;
- ISL 4.2.2 Participate in the WADA External Quality Assessment Scheme;
- ISL 4.2.5 Professional Liability insurance coverage;
- ISL 4.3.1 Participate in a WADA accreditation* audit;
- ISL 4.3.2 WADA report and recommendation; and
- ISL 4.3.3 Issue and publication of Accreditation* certificate.

A list of approved laboratories will be maintained on WADA's website and ADAMS for stakeholder reference.

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* Accreditation exclusive to the Athlete Biological Passport