



AASHTO Accreditation Policy and Guidance on Temporary Laboratories

Policy taken from Section 2 of the [Procedures Manual for the Accreditation of Construction Materials Testing Laboratories](#).

Accreditation is permitted to be extended to a temporary facility for up to 12 months without first undergoing an on-site assessment if the temporary facility is staffed, equipped, and sufficiently controlled by a main facility that is AASHTO accredited for the testing being conducted at the temporary facility. The temporary facility must be implementing the quality management system of the main facility. All work at the temporary facility must be supervised by personnel that conform to the requirements of Section 3.4. Temporary facilities include trailers or other structures, and the personnel and equipment associated with them that have been established for a specific project.

Before accreditation is extended to the temporary facility, the temporary facility shall submit their inventory of equipment along with copies of the most recent equipment calibration, standardization, and check records. The technician(s) assigned to the temporary facility shall also perform testing using the equipment assigned and located in the temporary facility and shall receive satisfactory ratings on extra proficiency samples chosen by the AAP.

The temporary facility's information will be listed under the same accreditation directory listing of the main facility for up to 12 months. The listing shall indicate the location of the temporary facility, the scope of testing, the staff assigned to the temporary facility, and the expiration date of the temporary extension of accreditation.

If a temporary facility is expected to operate longer than 12 months, laboratory management must apply for separate accreditation of the temporary facility before the expiration date of the temporary extension of accreditation to ensure uninterrupted accreditation. The AASHTO Accreditation Program reserves the right to perform an on-site assessment at a temporary facility during the 12-month period at a cost to the main facility if there is any question about the conformance to the requirements of this document or about the quality of work being conducted at this temporary facility.

Note 2 -- The AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP) encourages laboratories to always contact the project owner or specifying agency regarding accreditation requirement before requesting accreditation for a temporary facility. In some cases, the project owner or specifying agency may waive the requirements for accreditation provided that the operations of the temporary facility are controlled to its satisfaction by the laboratory's main facility.

Any situations that are not described in this manual must be approved by the ATG.

Guidance

To be eligible for temporary accreditation, the main facility must be in good standing and remain accredited throughout the course of the temporary accreditation. Good standing includes a history of conformance, no current suspensions, no unpaid invoices, and a history of satisfactory proficiency sample ratings. If management personnel will not be routinely present on the job site, they must provide evidence that effective oversight will be given to testing personnel and materials reporting and acceptance. The temporary facility must demonstrate acceptable testing conditions as outlined in section 3.5.14 of the AAP Procedures Manual. Photographic evidence is required.

In addition to the items above, the laboratory is required to submit an Initial Accreditation Review Form, an organizational chart which includes all staff at the temporary facility, an organizational chart which defines the temporary facility's relationship with the main facility, and staff testing certifications if they are relevant to the scope of accreditation extension requested. If the temporary facility is seeking accreditation for Concrete Specification C511, photographic evidence of conformance for the new curing facilities, a current standardization record for the temperature recorder to show that it has been standardized on-site in the new curing facilities, and three weeks' worth of temperature recorder data shall be submitted.

An up-front fee of \$550 per facility is required for the review of a temporary facility. Upon acceptance of the materials submitted, the AAP fees of \$25 per test method extended will be invoiced.

The laboratory must test all PSP samples normally be required for a laboratory in the AAP for the scope covered by this temporary accreditation. PSP fees will be invoiced to the main facility and sold as XPS samples. Testing must occur at the temporary facility.

Once the extension has been approved by the ATG, the following certificate (see Figure 1) will be issued and posted under the main laboratory's account. The approval will expire 365 days from when it became active. There are no possibilities of extensions being granted to this approval.



Accreditation has been extended to the following temporary site facility from the effective date of **M/DD/YYYY** until the expiration date of **M/DD/YYYY**

ABC Laboratory

The Airport Project
City, State

Standards Included in the Extension of Accreditation

Quality Management System

R18, D3666 (Asphalt Mixture)

Asphalt Mixture

T30, T166, T308



Staffing of the Temporary Site Facility

The credentials of the following technical staff members have been reviewed in order to determine conformance to accreditation requirements stated in AASHTO R 18 and ASTM quality management system standards identified in the list of standards above.

Technical Director Lab Director Name

Laboratory Supervisor / Supervising Laboratory Technician Laboratory Supervisor Name

Laboratory Technician(s) Technician Names

Field Supervisor / Supervising Field Technician Supervisor Name

Field Technician(s) Field Technician Names

Figure 1. Certificate image and subsequent details page for an extension of accreditation to a temporary site facility