



Policy

The policy is listed in the [Procedures Manual for the Accreditation of Construction Materials Testing Laboratories](#).

The AAP periodically reviews the websites of AASHTO Accredited laboratories to confirm appropriate use of the AASHTO Accredited logo, statements regarding AASHTO Accreditation, and adherence to the AAP requirements. The AAP also acts on third-party complaints regarding false or misleading information regarding a laboratory's AASHTO Accreditation status.

Guidance

Examples of Unacceptable Statements - There are many ways to accurately promote a laboratory's accreditation status provided that the laboratory adheres to the guidelines listed in this document. Many of the "approved" methods of publicizing accreditation are dependent on the exact circumstance involved so the AAP will not list acceptable statements that anyone can use. However, there are certain statements that have been erroneously used by both accredited and non-accredited laboratories in the past that can provide guidance for what not to do.

The following statements are considered to be unacceptable statements regarding a laboratory's accreditation status:

Example 1: "Laboratory ABC is recognized by AAP."

This example ambiguously states that the laboratory is "recognized." The AAP does not "recognize" a laboratory or its accreditation status – it only "accredits" the laboratory for adherence to specific published standards and compliance with requirements published in this document. Other words that shall not be used include "certified," "approved," and possibly others.

Example 2: "Our laboratory is an AASHTO re:source-accredited laboratory."

This example incorrectly states that the laboratory is accredited by AASHTO re:source. Both AASHTO re:source and CCRL provide assessments and proficiency samples that are used by the AAP as a means to evaluate compliance to AAP procedures. Neither AASHTO re:source nor CCRL accredit laboratories.

Example 3: "Our technicians are AASHTO certified."

Example 4: "Our asphalt is AASHTO certified."

These examples erroneously state that the technicians that work at the accredited laboratory and the product produced at the plant that houses the accredited laboratory are also certified by AASHTO. AASHTO accreditation does not apply to personnel or products. It only applies to a laboratory that has demonstrated adherence to specific published standards listed in the scope of the laboratory's accreditation and compliance with the requirements published in this document.

Example 5: “Our laboratories are AASHTO-accredited.”

This statement may be true if all of the laboratory locations within that organization possess valid accreditations. However, this statement would not be true if even one of the laboratory locations within that organization does not possess a valid accreditation.