



# The Road to AASHTO Accreditation

The AASHTO Accreditation Program is the most widely recognized and accepted accreditation program for construction materials testing laboratories in the United States. Obtaining AASHTO Accreditation makes a statement about a laboratory's continued commitment to excellence and is an attestation that the agency is competent to perform the laboratory testing for which they are accredited.

## Where to start?

For a laboratory that is new to our program, the very first step is to [Request Registration](#) on our website. By registering your laboratory, you will have full access to all of our on-line features and documents. Once registered you may [Request Services](#), including a request for AASHTO Accreditation. Since AASHTO Accreditation applies to specific laboratory locations and does not have umbrella coverage from the parent entity, each location will need to be registered on our site and must follow the same processes for obtaining accreditation.

## What are the Program Participation Prerequisites?

To become AASHTO Accredited, your laboratory will need to participate in both the Laboratory Assessment Program ([LAP](#)) and the Proficiency Sample Program ([PSP](#)). There are individual fees associated with both of these programs. If you wish to be AASHTO Accredited based on your involvement in the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory's ([CCRL](#)) Laboratory Inspection Program and Proficiency Sample Program, there are also individual fees associated with those. Please contact CCRL directly for more information regarding their programs.

## How can my laboratory obtain AASHTO Accreditation?

- Ensure that your laboratory's quality management system meets (QMS) the requirements of the [AASHTO Accreditation Procedures Manual](#), [AASHTO R 18](#), and any other ASTM quality system specifications that you may need to comply with such as C1077, D3666, D3740, and E329.
- Schedule an on-site assessment with AASHTO re:source for asphalt binder, emulsified asphalt, hot mix asphalt, aggregate, soil, sprayed fire-resistive materials, pavement preservation, or metals testing accreditation. For concrete, cement, masonry, or rebar testing accreditation, please contact [CCRL](#) for the on-site assessment. For more information regarding AASHTO re:source assessments, you may wish to reference the newsletter article "[Seven Steps for a "Perfect" On-Site Assessment.](#)"
- Pay the application fee. This invoice will be issued after you have requested AASHTO Accreditation.
- Enroll in the [appropriate AASHTO re:source or CCRL proficiency sample programs](#). Enrollment in AASHTO re:source-supplied samples will be done automatically once we receive your request for accreditation. Please contact [CCRL](#) for enrollment in their program.
- Complete your [Initial Accreditation Form](#). The documentation provides us with your organizational structure, along with other basic laboratory and personnel information.
- Resolve the nonconformities noted in your on-site assessment within 60 days of the issuance of the report. Please log in to our website and click "View My Accreditation Events" to submit responses.

## More Questions?

If you have more questions regarding the AASHTO re:source programs, please reference the FAQ pages on our site, call our offices at 240-436-4900, or email [info@ashtoresource.org](mailto:info@ashtoresource.org).