



Are Independent Testing Laboratories registered with MMCC allowed to sub-contract?

No. Each ITL must have a Scope of Accreditation that covers all aspects of medical cannabis testing as required by the MMCC.

Will MMCC require Independent Testing Laboratories to participate in proficiency testing?

Yes. Each ITL will be required to participate in bi-annual proficiency testing from an approved proficiency testing vendor to satisfy accreditation requirements. In addition, MMCC will require Inter-Laboratory Comparisons (ILC) at various times throughout the year.

What is required to become an Independent Testing Laboratory registered by MMCC?

An Independent Testing Laboratory that has interest in testing medical cannabis in Maryland must be registered with MMCC as well as maintain accreditation status with an ISO 17025 Accrediting Body.

Are there personnel requirements for Independent Testing Laboratories registered by MMCC?

Yes. Each ITL must have the following laboratory personnel:

A **Laboratory Director** must have an earned masters or doctoral degree from an accredited academic institution in a natural science (such as chemistry, physics, or biology) or a subspecialty of a natural science (such as organic chemistry, biochemistry, or molecular biology). In addition to education requirements, a Laboratory Director must have at last 3 years of documented lab experience and 2 years of documented managerial or supervisory experience.

A **Technical Lead** must have an earned Bachelor of Science or an earned advanced degree from an accredited academic institution in a natural science (such as chemistry, physics, or biology) or a subspecialty of a natural science (such as organic chemistry, biochemistry, or molecular biology).

A **Quality Assurance Manager** must have an earned Bachelor of Science degree or an earned advanced degree from an accredited academic institution in a natural science (such as chemistry, physics, or biology) or a subspecialty of a natural science (such as organic chemistry, biochemistry, or molecular biology).

Will the Independent Testing Laboratories registered by MMCC be posted on the MMCC website?

Yes. ITL's will be posted under the Independent Testing Laboratory section of MMCC's website once registration has been issued from MMCC.