

## Independent Testing Laboratory FAQ's

### **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.

