Approved Proficiency Test Providers

“Approved proficiency testing provider” means an external proficiency test provider who has been approved by the Department as set forth in COMAR 10.51.04.03.

.03 Proficiency Testing Provider Approval.
   A. Approval Required. A private, nonprofit, or commercial organization or government agency may not provide a proficiency test in this State for use forensic laboratory without first obtaining proficiency testing approval from the Department.
   B. Approval Granted by the Secretary. The Department may approve a proficiency testing provider for a forensic science discipline or subdiscipline, if the proficiency testing provider:
      (1) Provide reliable, documented evidence to the Department that the proficiency test is technically and administratively able to meet the applicable requirements of this chapter; and
      (2) Submits directly to the Department evaluations of all proficiency tests results from each laboratory that holds a Maryland forensic laboratory permit.

1) Bode Cellmark Forensics (IQAS Proficiency Tests)
   10430 Furnace Road, Suite 107, Lorton, VA  22079
   Phone: 1-866-263-3443 / Fax: 703-646-9741
   Email: IQAS@labcorp.com
   Approved Tests:
   Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)

(2) Collaborative Testing Services, Inc. (CTS)
   21331 Gentry Drive, Sterling, VA 20166
   Phone: (571) 434-1925 / Fax: (571) 434-1937
   Email: info@cts-interlab.com
   Approved Tests:
   Controlled substances
   Crime scene (bloodstain pattern)
   Serology, DNA (body fluid identification and DNA)
   Firearms, Toolmark, Latent Prints
   Serial number restoration (SNR)
   Gunshot residue (distance determination)
   Imprint/impression evidence
   Fibers, Paint, Glass
   Flammables (fire debris)
   Questioned documents
   Toxicology (blood/alcohol, blood/drug & urine/drug)
(3) College of American Pathologists (CAP)
325 Waukegan Rd, Northfield, IL 60093-2750
Phone: (800) 323-4040 / Fax: (847) 832-8166
Email: contactcenter@cap.org
Approved Tests:
DNA (DNA, DNAP, FID, and FIDM)
Toxicology (FTC - forensic toxicology criminalistics)
Whole blood volatiles (AL1 - blood alcohol)

(4) Forensic Assurance
P.O. Box 231
Northville, MI 48167
Phone: (248) 773-5114
Email: info@forensicassurance.com
Approved Tests:
Finger/Latent Print Processing
Controlled Substances
Forensic Paint Analysis
Forensic Fiber Analysis
Firearms, Toolmark
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA or Crime Scene)
Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)
Gunshot residue - Distance Determination
Fingerprint (Identification and Processing)
Fiber and Paint Analysis
Footwear Identification

(5) Forensic Testing Services (FTS)
1099 W. Grand River Avenue, P.O. Box 514, Williamston, MI 48895
Phone: (517) 202-5971 / Fax: (517) 579-4847
Email: info@forensic-testing.net
Approved Tests:
Tape (Duct, Electrical, Etc.)
Bulb Examination for On/Off
Microscopic Examination/Comparison of Hair
Hair Screening
Hair Comparison
Microscopic Evaluation of Hair
Chemical Unknown/Adulterated Beverage
Gunshot Residue (swab and stub)
Low Order Explosives

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(6) Ron Smith and Associates
P.O. Box 670 Collinsville, MS 39325
Phone: 1-866-832-6772
Fax: 601-626-1122
Email: testing@ronsmithandassociates.com
Approved Tests:
Latent Prints

(7) Serological Research Institute (SERI)
3053 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94806
Phone: (510) 223-7374 / Fax: (510) 222-8887
Email: serimain@serological.com
Approved Tests:
DNA and Serology