

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:

Crime Scene

Drug Analysis

Firearms & Toolmarks

Forensic Biology/DNA

Latent Prints & Impressions

Questioned Documents

Toxicology

(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, DNAF, 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:

Firearms

Toolmark

Latent Print Comparison

Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)

(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

(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