

## **FAQs for Forensic Laboratories Licensure**

### **Q. Who is required to obtain a Forensic Laboratory License?**

**A.** Any laboratory that performs or offers to perform forensic analyses on evidence from the State of Maryland is required to obtain a Maryland State Forensic Laboratory License.

### **Q. What types of laboratories are not required to obtain a Maryland State Forensic Laboratory License?**

**A.** The following types of laboratories are not required to obtain a Maryland State Forensic Laboratory License:

- (1) A forensic laboratory operated by the federal government; or
- (2) A laboratory licensed or certified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

### **Q. What types of things are not included under Forensic Analyses?**

**A.** Forensic analysis does not include:

- (1) A test of a specimen of breath or blood to determine alcohol concentration or controlled dangerous substance content;
- (2) Forensic information technology;
- (3) A presumptive test performed at a crime scene;
- (4) A presumptive test performed for the purpose of determining compliance with a term or condition of community supervision or parole and conducted by or under contract with a county department of corrections of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; or
- (5) An expert examination or test conducted principally for the purpose of scientific research, medical practice, civil or administrative litigation, or any purpose other than determining the connection of physical evidence to a criminal act.