



ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Conditions for Participation Cannabis Laboratory Accreditation Agreement

COLA will make its ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation services available to all applicant laboratories whose application for accreditation falls within the scope of COLA’s accreditation activities as defined within applicable COLA policies and procedures and who agree to, and continually do, adhere to the conditions, obligations and responsibilities set forth in this and other COLA policies.

Terms & Definitions:

Accreditation	Third-party attestation related to a laboratory conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific measurement tasks
Accreditation Seal	Symbol issued by COLA to be used by accredited laboratory to indicate they are accredited
Accreditation Suspension	Putting temporary restrictions in place for all or part of the scope of accreditation
Accreditation Withdrawal	Cancelling accreditation for the full scope
Reduction in Scope	Cancelling part of the scope of accreditation
Scope of Accreditation	Specific laboratory activities for which accreditation is sought or has been granted.

Procedure and Agreement to Conditions for ISO/IEC 17025 Program Participation:

In order to apply for, receive and maintain accreditation, applicant and participating laboratories shall agree as follows:

1. To commit to continually fulfill the requirements for accreditation for the scope for which accreditation is sought or granted and to commit to provide evidence of fulfilment, including COLA’s cannabis laboratory requirements. This includes agreement to adapt to changes in the requirements for accreditation;
2. To cooperate as is necessary to enable COLA to verify fulfilment of requirements for accreditation;
3. To provide access to the laboratory’s personnel, locations, equipment, information, documents and records as necessary to verify fulfilment of requirements for accreditation;
4. To arrange the witnessing of the laboratory’s activities when requested by COLA;
5. To have, where applicable, legally enforceable arrangements with the laboratory’s clients that commits the clients to provide, on request, access to COLA’s assessment teams to assess the laboratory’s performance when carrying out testing activities at the client’s site;
6. To claim accreditation only with respect to the scope for which it has been granted;

7. To commit to follow COLA's policy for the use of the accreditation seal;
8. Not to use its accreditation in such a manner as to bring COLA into disrepute;
9. To inform COLA without delay of significant changes relevant to its accreditation (e.g., change of location, test methods, tests performed, test equipment, personnel, state licensing);
10. To pay fees as determined by COLA;
11. To assist in the investigation and resolution of any accreditation-related complaints about the laboratory referred to it by COLA;
12. To fully conform to COLA's requirements for claiming accreditation status, when making reference to its accreditation in communication media;
13. To not make any misleading or unauthorized statement regarding its accreditation;
14. To discontinue use of any reference to accreditation upon withdrawal of its accreditation;
15. To not refer to its accreditation in a way that implies a product, process, service, management system, or person is approved by COLA;
16. To agree that COLA will make public information related to the laboratory's legal identity; scope of accreditation; locations; unique accreditation identifier; effective date of accreditation and expiration/renewal dates; and reference to the international standard, in this case, ISO/IEC 17025, and any other normative documents; and, where applicable, information on suspension or withdrawal of accreditation, including dates and scopes in accordance with ISO 17011 8.2.2.
17. To inform affected clients of the suspension, reduction or withdrawal of its accreditation and the associated consequences without undue delay.
18. To commit laboratory management to impartiality.
19. To undertake, structure, and manage laboratory activities to safeguard impartiality.
20. To be responsible, through legally enforceable commitments, for the management of all information obtained or created during the performance of laboratory activities.
21. To inform customers in advance of information that the laboratory intends to make public. All other information is considered proprietary and shall be regarded as confidential.
22. To notify its customer of information released when required to do so by law or contractual arrangements.
23. To agree that information about a customer obtained from sources other than the customer (e.g. complaints) shall be confidential between the customer and the laboratory. The source of this information shall be confidential to the laboratory and shall not be shared with the customer, unless agreed by the source.



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24. To agree that personnel or any individuals acting on the laboratory’s behalf shall keep confidential all information obtained or created during the performance of laboratory activities, except as required by law.

COLA Assessors will verify laboratory compliance with these requirements. Failure to adhere to any of these requirements may result in adverse accreditation action up to and including a withdrawal of accreditation.

Indemnity and Limitation of Liability:

In addition to the above requirements, the applicant laboratory further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify COLA against any and all claims, liabilities, suits, losses, damages, and actions arising directly or indirectly out of the applicant laboratory’s application and participation in this accreditation including without limitation, costs and expenses (including but not limited to attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines, settlements and any other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by COLA in connection therewith. The Applicant further acknowledges that COLA and its representatives do not warrant the services provided and have no liability or responsibility for any loss or damage arising out of or relating to its accreditation services.

In order to apply, the Applicant’s Authorized Representative must agree to the above conditions for accreditation and statements of indemnity and limitation of liability and must attest that all statements made on the application are correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. An Accredited Organization’s Authorized Representative is an official who represents the organization in all matters related to maintaining COLA accreditation. This official is COLA's primary point of contact with the organization. An Accredited Organization’s Authorized Representative shall have binding authority to ensure that the Applicant complies with the COLA criteria. Furthermore, this Authorized Representative is responsible for ensuring that all of the relevant Conditions for Accreditation are maintained. The applicant laboratory shall be held liable and responsible for any breach of these Conditions for Accreditation or any acts or omission, including but not limited to, negligence by the Authorized Representative or any other employee, agent or independent contractor of the Applicant.

As the Applicant Laboratory's Authorized Representative, I agree to the above Conditions for Accreditation and that failure to adhere to anyone of them is basis for immediate termination of accreditation. .

AUTHORIZED REP. NAME (PRINTED) AUTHORIZED REP. SIGNATURE DATE