

NABL Accreditation: Principles and Procedures

This presentation covers NABL accreditation fundamentals and procedures.

Discover how it enhances laboratory quality, competence, and recognition.

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What is NABL?

National Accreditation Board

Testing and calibration labs accreditation across India



Autonomous Body

Under India's Department of Science & Technology



Standards & Recognition

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 compliance and global mutual recognition





Principles of NABL Accreditation

Impartiality

Decisions based on objective evidence

Competence

Technical and management assessment

Confidentiality

Protect client data and information

Transparency

Open and clear accreditation criteria

Responsiveness

Timely handling of applications and feedback





Benefits of NABL Accreditation

Technical Recognition

Official proof of lab competence

Customer Trust

Boosts confidence and satisfaction

Market Credibility

Strengthens reputation locally and globally

Global Access

MRAs open international opportunities

Operational Efficiency

Improves quality and control processes





NABL Accreditation Process: Application

1

Submit Application

Provide documents like quality manual and SOPs

2

Fee Payment

Initial fees based on scope and complexity

3

Application Review

NABL issues a report on initial evaluation



NABL Accreditation Process: Assessment

Pre-Assessment Audit

Identify gaps and areas needing improvement

On-site Assessment

Experts review competence, documents, and staff

Witness Testing

Observe actual test or calibration procedures

Duration

Assessment usually takes 2 to 5 days





NABL Accreditation Process: Corrective Actions

- 1 Resolve Non-Conformities

 Fix issues identified during assessment
- Verification

 NABL confirms corrective implementations

- Submit Action PlanProvide details and evidence of corrections
- Timeframe

 Labs get 30-90 days for resolution





NABL Accreditation Process: Decision







Report Review

Committee Decision

Certificate Issuance



Validity

Valid for 2 years, renewable





NABL Accreditation Process: Surveillance

Periodic Audits

Ensure ongoing compliance with NABL standards

Audit Frequency

Determined by risk and lab performance

Scope Opportunities

Possibility to expand accreditation scope

Consequences

Non-compliance can lead to suspension





Maintaining NABL Accreditation

Continuous Improvement

Enhance quality management system regularly

Proficiency Testing

Participate to validate testing accuracy

Equipment Maintenance

Calibrate and maintain instruments periodically

Staff Training

Ensure technical competence via ongoing education

Internal Audits

Conduct reviews and management evaluations