

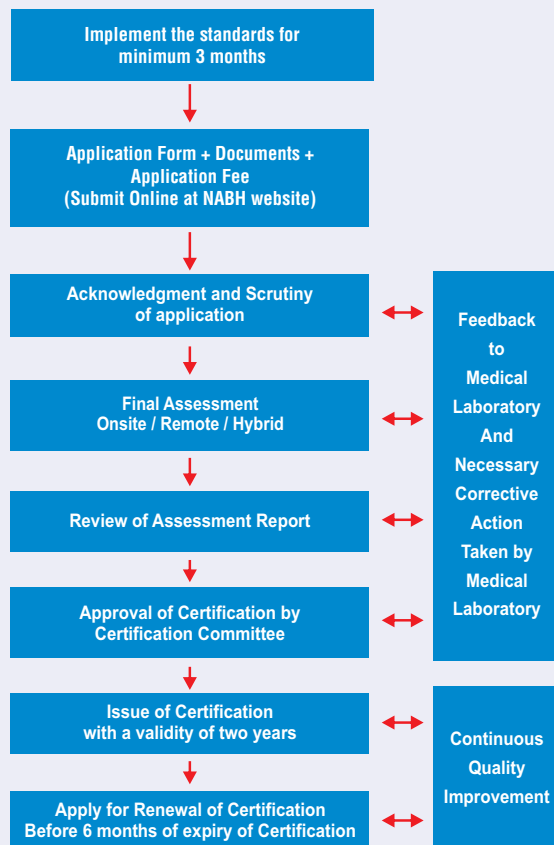


National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers

Medical Laboratory Certification Programme



Certification Procedure



Introduction to NABH: National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) is a constituent board of Quality Council of India (QCI) which is established with a vision to be the apex national healthcare accreditation and quality improvement body, functioning at par with global benchmarks. NABH as an organization is accredited by the International Society for Quality (ISQua) and is an institutional member of ISQua and ASQua.

Medical Laboratory Certification: The medical lab certification program started in the year 2014, the standards were named as essential standards for medical laboratories. The program was started in Kerala after agreement was signed between NRHM-Kerala and Quality Council of India. The Kerala government had made this certification mandatory for its labs run by the government. Later it was open for all labs. The program was projected as the stepping stone for quality in Medical Labs i.e. even a lab with 1-2 persons were able to join the program for certification of their labs. The significance of this certification for labs include awareness about quality management systems in the medical labs, for example very small labs which cannot afford to go for NABL accreditation found it easy to join the program. It was also a public recognition for them.

Benefits of Certification:

- ❖ Certification to Medical Laboratories stimulates continuous improvement.
- ❖ It enables the organization in demonstrating commitment to quality care and patient safety thereby ensures best clinical outcomes.
- ❖ It raises community confidence in the services provided by the Medical Laboratories as services provided by credentialed medical staff.
- ❖ It also provides opportunity to healthcare unit to benchmark with the best.
- ❖ Certification status also provides marketing advantage in a competitive health care.

Who can apply?

Any laboratory conducting biological, microbiological, immunological, chemical, haematological, pathological, cytological or other examination of materials derived from the human body. Medical Laboratories can only apply for NABH Certification, if meets any one of the following condition:

- ❖ Standalone laboratory
- ❖ Medical Laboratories should have implemented NABH standards for a minimum of three months.

How to apply for certification?

All aspiring medical laboratories desirous to achieve certification can apply online by registering on the NABH website. Kindly refer the General information brochure in the medical laboratory page on NABH website.

How much is the Fees?

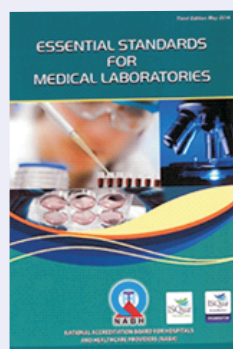
Fees towards certification depends on the size of the healthcare organization. To view the complete fee structure please visit important links on NABH website followed by fee structure under quick links.

Does NABH support the organizations in the certification journey?

NABH has taken a new initiative to conduct free master classes on various topics under the rubric "NABH Quality Connect-Learning with NABH". NABH conducts various training and awareness programmes round the year regularly. It is advisable that the aspirant healthcare organizations attend Training Programme on Implementation (POI) for better understanding the standards.

How to procure a copy of the standards?

Copy of the standards can be procured online by making payment, which will be dispatched to the registered address.



Click here to
procure your copy
of the Medical
Laboratory
Standards

For further details please visit the NABH website

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