

State licensing info (updated: 6/5/2019)

There are currently 11 states with laboratory personnel licensure (California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia). Puerto Rico also has licensure. The components of the law vary state-to-state, but usually includes an annual licensing fee (some are biannual), a provision for continuing education, a minimum education and professional competency requirements.

If a Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) or Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) plans to locate in a state with licensure, that state should be contacted for specific information relative to that state's laboratory practice act. This contact should be made as early as possible after the location decision has been made. Most states (except California) require documentation of certification from an acceptable certification agency. Other things to expect are fingerprinting (Louisiana, possibly other states), documentation of certification, and documentation of education, training, and competency. Check with the state regarding trainee licenses or other requirements for new graduates without a valid license in that state.

The following is a list of the states with laboratory personnel licensure and contact information:

California

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/pages/clpr.aspx>

Northern California Office Laboratory Field Services

Attn: Personnel Licensing
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Bldg P, 1st Floor
Richmond, CA 94804-6403
T 510.620.3800
F 510.620.3692

Department of Health Services Southern California Office Laboratory Field Services

320 West 4th Street, Suite 890
Los Angeles, CA 90013-2329
T 213.620.6160
F 213.620.6565

CA State Lab Personnel License Verification

<http://lpw.cdph.ca.gov/SearchPage.aspx>

Florida

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/>

Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel Division of Medical Quality Assurance

4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin#C07
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3257
T 850.245.4355
F 850.922.8876

FL State Lab Personnel License Verification

<https://appsmqa.doh.state.fl.us/MQASearchServices/HealthCareProviders>

If they have the national certification, ASCP, AMT or AAB and are applying for the FL CLS license, they **DO NOT** need to sit for a state exam. They can get the FL CLS license if they have national certs and provide all of the necessary paperwork. Once paperwork is in, the process should be pretty quick.

Hawaii

Hawaii Department of Health State Laboratory Division

2725 Waimano Home Road
Pearl City, HI 96782-1496
T 808.453.6653
F 808.453.6662

Louisiana

<https://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/clinical-laboratory-personnel>

Licensure Division

P. O. Box 30250
New Orleans, LA 70190-0250

T 504.568.6820

F 504.599.0503

LA State Lab Personnel License Verification

<https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/verifications>

Montana

<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/cls>

Science Practitioners

301 South Park, 4th Floor
P. O. Box 200513
Helena, MT 59620-0513

T 406.841.2395

F 406.841.2305

MT State Lab Personnel License Verification

<https://ebiz.mt.gov/pol/>

Nevada

http://dphh.nv.gov/Reg/MedicalLabs/Medical_Laboratories_-_Home/

727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, Nevada 89701

T 775.684.1030

F 775.684.1075

NV State Lab Personnel License Verification

http://dphh.nv.gov/Reg/MedicalLabs/Medical_Lab_Personnel_Licensing/

New York

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/clt/clp-cltlic.htm>

Office of the Professions

Division of Professional Licensing Services

89 Washington Avenue 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12234-1000

T 518.474.3817, ext. 150

F 518.474.4846

NY State Lab Personnel License Verification

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm>

Here is the link for NYS limited license: scroll all the way to bottom of page.

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/clt/clp-cytlic.htm>

A limited permit authorizes an individual who has met all requirements for licensure as a cytotechnologist or certified histological technician, except the licensing examination, to practice as a cytotechnologist or certified histological technician under the general supervision of the director of a clinical laboratory.

The limited permit is valid for one year. The permit may be extended for one additional year if the applicant can document good cause, such as a specific physical or mental disability certified by an appropriate healthcare professional or other good cause which, in the judgment of the Department, made it impossible for the applicant to complete the examination required for licensure.

You may apply for a limited permit by submitting the Application for Limited Permit (Form 5) and limited permit fee of \$50 at the same time or any time after you submit your Application for Licensure (Form 1), licensure and first registration fee of \$371, and evidence of satisfactory education.

NOTE: Under the general supervision of the director of a clinical laboratory means that the permit holder must be supervised by a director of a clinical laboratory who serves the laboratory full-time, or on a regular part-time basis; ensures the supervision of the technical performance of the permit holder, and is readily available for consultation with the permit holder, as needed; and is responsible for the performance and findings of all tests carried out by the permit holder, either by directly overseeing the testing, or by delegating the responsibility to authorized qualified supervisors who are on site in the laboratory.

Requirements at a glance

You may print and keep this cytotechnologist checklist or this certified histological technician checklist as a reminder of what forms you need to file. This is for your reference and should not be submitted with your application forms. You should also keep a copy of all application forms submitted. Last updated: January 17, 2019

North Dakota

www.ndhealth.gov

Division of Laboratory Services

P. O. Box 4103
Bismarck, ND 58502-4103
T 701.530.1099

ND State Lab Personnel License Verification

<https://www.ndclinlab.com/verify/index.asp>

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Department of Health Junta Examinadora de Tecnologos Medicos de Puerto Rico

Box 10200
Santurce, PR 00908-0200
T 787.792.6400
F 787.792.6627

Rhode Island

<http://health.ri.gov/licenses/index.php>

Board of Clinical Laboratory Sciences Room 104

3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5097
T 401.222.5960
F 401.222.6548

RI State Lab Personnel License Verification

<http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=210>

Tennessee

<https://apps.health.tn.gov/Licensure/>

(scroll down to the pertinent Checklist and Application/Clearance & Application Forms/Attachments sections)

Medical Laboratory Board

227 French Landing, Ste 300
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243-1608
T 615.532.5128

TN State Lab Personnel License Verification

<https://apps.health.tn.gov/licensure/default.aspx>

West Virginia

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/ols/Pages/default.aspx>

Department of HHS

167 11th Ave
South Charleston, WV 25303-1114
T 304.558.3530
F 304.558.2006

WV State Lab Personnel License Verification

<http://wvlablicense.wv.gov/search.html>