Clinical Laboratory License – Using Certifying Organization Exams Only

Information Regarding Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Specialists

There is no State Administered examination for CLS (generalist) and for three categories of specialists (limited) licensing (clinical chemist, clinical microbiologist, and clinical toxicologist scientist) in 2008 or in the future.

Applicants must:

- Select the one license category: Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS), Clinical Chemist Scientist, Clinical Microbiologist Scientist, Clinical Hematologist Scientist, Clinical Toxicologist Scientist, Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist, Clinical Cytogeneticist Scientists, Clinical Genetics Molecular Biologist, or Clinical Histocompatibility Scientist.
  - Applicants for specialty (limited) license of: Chemistry, Microbiology, and Toxicology Now can apply to take California Approved certifying organization exam (ASCP examination for chemistry and microbiology is approved and NRCC examination for toxicology is approved).
  - Applicants for specialty (limited) license of: Immunohematology and hematology have to take State Administered examination.

- Complete the application online and pay the non-refundable application fee of ($203.00).

- Print, sign, and mail the attestation page upon completion of online application to:

  California Department of Public Health
  Laboratory Field Services (LFS)
  Attn: Personnel Licensing Section
  850 Marina Bay Parkway, Bldg. P.
  Richmond, CA. 94804

- Applications will not be processed without signed attestation. All applications will be evaluated in the order of receipt of the application and supporting documents.

- Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college/university to LFS at the (above address)
All applicants who have attended a non-United States educational institution MUST have a copy of their official transcript sent to AACRAO (approved evaluation agency) for evaluation. [www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org) and request a copy to be sent to LFS.

Official training verification/work experience must be sent directly from the training coordinator/laboratory director showing the beginning and ending dates of the training/experience. This information should cover all areas in which the rotation was completed with the number of the hours/weeks for each specialty (chemistry, hematology, immunohematology, serology, parasitology, and bacteriology) and brief description of procedures performed.

Applicants receiving a "qualification letter with a unique ID" must take the CA Quiz online using their user ID and password provided in that letter.

Applicants receiving the "qualification letter with a unique ID" must take the certifying organization examination of their choice and request a copy of their satisfactory performance to be sent directly to LFS.

The following certifying organizations are approved by the Department for licensure examination:

- ASCP certification for CLS (generalist) is accepted as of October 2002.
- ASCPI (international) certification for CLS (generalist) is accepted as of June 2003.
- AAB certification for CLS (generalist) is accepted as of January 2003.
- ASCP certification for chemist scientist is accepted as of March 2004.
- ASCP certification for microbiologist scientist is accepted as of March 2004.
- NRCC certification for toxicology scientist is accepted as of March 2004.

Applicants who are certified prior to above dates must re-take the certifying examination and request a copy of their satisfactory performance to be sent directly to LFS. Applicants who are certified after the above dates must request a copy of their satisfactory performance to be sent directly to LFS.

The following certifying organizations are approved for Specialty (limited) licensing:

- NCA certification is approved for Clinical Cytogeneticist Scientists and Clinical Genetics Molecular Biologist.
- ABHI is approved for Clinical Histocompatibility Scientist.

- Applicants can check their status online using their unique identification number, provided upon completion of application.

- Incomplete application packages may be abandoned 150 days after registration. All abandoned applicants must re-apply and pay a new non-refundable application fee.

- All documents received will be retained for three years. Applicants who re-apply after three years will be required to submit a new set of transcripts and all other required documents.
(Section 1262.5 Businesses and Professions Code (B&PC).
Applicants who failed the State written examination twice must wait one year in order to be eligible for licensure. Applicants who failed the examination three times or more have to wait two years to be eligible for licensure.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR LICENSE WITH CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION EXAMS

Create Your Account and Register
Setting up a user account is provided as a free service to our candidates. To establish a user account, you will need to provide only basic information. Once you complete the registration form, you will have a password-protected account that will give you access to application, the ability to perform certain program functions inherent to our client programs, receive important information, and submit updates, changes, or other communications.

CPS will not sell your personal information to third parties. Only program specific information will be exchanged with the testing, licensing, or certification agency or organization in which you may apply after your account is established. Please see our privacy policy for further information.

Please select the appropriate license category below. Once you select a category and click the "go" button, you will be redirected to the CM&AS system. If you have not created an account in the CM&AS system, you must do so. Once you create an account, you will be automatically redirected to the chosen license category. If you already have a CM&AS account, please click here. (redirect to CM&AS homepage)

**THIS ONLINE APPLICATION IS FOR LICENSING THROUGH CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION EXAMS ONLY.** Please contact LFS directly with regard to the state exam at 510-620-3800 or LFSpersonnel@cdph.ca.gov.

Only an Approved Certifying Examination:

Already have an account? Login in [here](#).

* Reference Laboratory Field Services, https://secure.cps.ca.gov/cltreg/clsls_examinfo.asp