

# AASHTO Accreditation

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The AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP) formally recognizes the competency of thousands of testing laboratories to perform specific tests on construction materials. In addition to being the largest accrediting body in the construction materials industry, the AAP is also the most widely-accepted. AASHTO-accredited laboratories have proven their commitment to quality and can set themselves apart from their competitors.

## Benefits

As an AASHTO-accredited laboratory, you are able to

- demonstrate conformance to specific national and international standards
- enhance confidence in the testing your laboratory provides
- expand your business opportunities by being eligible to work for more national, state, and local entities that require accreditation
- be a member of an elite group of testing laboratories that is dedicated to quality testing and continuous improvement
- influence and improve standards
- stay up-to-date with trends and issues in the industry



## Scope

AASHTO accreditation applies to specific laboratory locations and does not have umbrella coverage from the parent entity, each location must maintain its own accreditation.

Accredited laboratories undergo rigorous on-site, third party assessments. During these assessments, each test method is demonstrated in its entirety by the laboratory's technical staff, and the testing apparatus associated with each test is evaluated. The assessment also includes a thorough review of the laboratory's quality management system, including records of technician training and competency evaluations as well as equipment calibration and check records. Additionally, a detailed review of all accreditation requirements, including participation in the AASHTO resource and CCRL proficiency sample programs, is conducted for each accredited laboratory at least once per year.

The AAP accredits laboratories for over 650 AASHTO, ASTM, state, and industry standards in the following fields of testing:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• asphalt binder</li><li>• asphalt mixtures</li><li>• emulsified asphalt</li><li>• aggregate</li><li>• soil</li><li>• rock</li><li>• sprayed fire-resistive materials (SFRM)</li><li>• pavement preservation</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• concrete</li><li>• Pozzolan</li><li>• hydraulic cement</li><li>• slag cement</li><li>• masonry</li><li>• iron and steel</li><li>• cementitious materials</li><li>• dimension stone</li><li>• controlled low strength material (CLSM)</li></ul> |
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