

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Washington

* This information is subject to change

Licensure

Facility must: Hold a Washington Medical Test Site Certificate.

1. The form can be downloaded at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/505038.pdf>
2. Complete the application and mail to:
Washington State Department of Health
Revenue Section
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

To determine your correct license category, please call the LQA office at (253) 395-6746 or visit <http://www.doh.wa.gov/lqa.htm> and click on the "Medical test site application forms" link in the right navigation.

Phlebotomists: WA requires anyone who draws blood to be licensed and certified (including finger-stick blood collection).

For more information, call (360) 236-4700 or visit

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/FacilitiesNewReneworUpdate/LaboratoryQualityAssurance/Laws>

Patient Testing

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

Facility must: Confirm capillary blood lead test results greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL for youths under age 15 with a venous sample by a reference lab. For more information, contact Rad Cunningham, Division of Environmental Public Health at (360) 236-3359 or Rad.Cunningham@doh.wa.gov.

Quality Control

Facility must: Run two levels of Quality Control according to the manufacturer's instructions, which are:

1. Each new lot of test kits.
2. Each new shipment of materials even if it's the same lot previously received.
3. Each new operator (i.e. operator who has not performed the test recently).
4. Monthly, as a check on continued storage conditions.
5. When problems (storage, operator, instrument, or other) are suspected or identified.
6. If otherwise required by your laboratory's standard QC procedures.

Result Reporting

Reporting Solutions by State: www.LeadCare2.com/reporting

Facility must: Report **ALL** blood lead test results to the Washington State Department of Health.

1. All elevated blood lead levels (5 µg/dL or higher in youths under age 15) must be reported within two (2) days. All other test results must be reported within one (1) month.
2. Blood lead test results may be faxed to (360) 236-3059 or mailed to:
Washington State Department of Health
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
PO Box 47846
Olympia WA 98504-7846
(360) 236-4280 or Toll Free (800) 909-9898
Download the reporting form at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/4000/LeadReporting-EN.pdf>
3. Providers using a LeadCare II device may report by uploading a spreadsheet to a Secure File Transfer Site. To get set up, call Elisabeth Long at (360) 236-4280 or by email to Elisabeth.Long@doh.wa.gov.
4. Laboratories are encouraged (but not required) to use the electronic reporting system, Public Health Reporting of Electronic Data (PHRED). For information, please email: informatics.csc@doh.wa.gov.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionalsandFacilities/ProfessionalResources/BloodLeadTestingandReporting/BloodLeadTestReporting.aspx>

Proficiency Testing

Recommended: To monitor the quality of your blood lead testing program.

Contact Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) proficiency program for more information about their program at (800) 462-5261 or go to <http://www.slh.wisc.edu/proficiency/>

Still Have Questions?

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Contact Washington State Department of Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (800) 909-9898; www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/lead