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Read the **2003 NELAC Standards**, Chapter 5.

Get all your documents together - **SOPs, QA Manual, training records** then REVIEW, MODIFY, & SHARE them!

Make sure you have 2 sets of **Proficiency Test results** for every **PT FOT** you want to be accredited.

**SHARE!** Make sure everyone knows what is expected of them.

**Is your lab’s home state an Accrediting Body?**

- **YES**
  - You must apply in your home state.

- **NO**
  - Review which **AB** covers most or all of your Fields of Testing.
    - You may need more than one

**Does your home state cover all of your fields of testing?**

- **YES**
  - **Go to AB’s website**
    - Print application
    - Contact AB for questions

- **NO**
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**List of PT providers**

**Need Help?**

**CA FL IL KS LA NH NJ NY OR PA TX UT**

**AB** = accreditation body (the organization granting your accreditation)

**FOT** = fields of testing. Each combination of matrix (non-potable water, drinking water, solid and chemical materials), method/technology, and analyte is considered an FOT.

**PT FOT** = FOTs that have PT requirements for accreditation ([view tables])

**SOP** = Standard Operating Procedures

**QA Manual** = document which contains or addresses the lab-specific collection of policies, procedures, and quality related documents.