



Policy TITLE:	Relationship of NGAB Certificates of Recognition and the NGAB Evaluation Process
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I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy describes the relationship between issuance of Certificates of Recognition and the evaluation cycle for the Non-Governmental Accreditation Bodies (NGABs).

II. DEFINITIONS

Certificate of Recognition: the document that officially designates an NGAB as being “approved” to accredit laboratories to the TNI standard.

Evaluation Team (ET): a team comprised of the LE and any other technical evaluators approved by the TNRC to conduct a review of an NGAB for the purposes of granting recognition to the NGAB.

Lead Evaluator (LE): the chosen member of the ET who provides direction for the ET and is responsible for issuing the written final recommendation regarding NGAB recognition, based on input from the entire team.

The NELAC Institute Non-Governmental Accreditation Body Recognition Committee (TNRCC): The committee having responsibility and accountability for recognition of NGABs to accredit laboratories to the TNI laboratory standard, ELV1.

III. RELATED DOCUMENTS

NGAB Evaluation SOP 7-100

IV. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

All NGABs in good standing will be issued a Certificate of Recognition annually. “Good standing” means that the AB’s most recent evaluation was satisfactory and that its continued recognition was approved by the TNI recognition committee at the conclusion of that evaluation.

Relationship of NELAP AB Certificates of Recognition and the NELAP Evaluation Process

New certificates will be issued annually to each NGAB, contingent upon the most recent evaluation being satisfactory and assuming that the AB wishes to continue with the program.

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