AABB Immunohematology Reference Laboratory Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

Each item ties to the AABB IRL Standards, 14th edition (effective April 1, 2026) [https://www.aabb.org/standards-accreditation/standards/immunohematology-reference-laboratories] or the AABB Accreditation Process [https://www.aabb.org/standards-accreditation/accreditation/become-accredited/accreditation-process].

1. Your laboratory's copy of the 14th edition IRL Standards.
2. A dated record showing at least six months of operation in the IRL Activity, since AABB requires that much operating time in the activity before the initial process can begin.
3. A list of the advanced investigational procedures you perform, set against the IRL Activity definition.
4. Any other AABB activities you hold or plan to add, such as Donor, Molecular Testing or Transfusion.
5. Your policies, processes and procedures, indexed, so each standard can be traced to a PPP.
6. Evidence that staff follow the PPPs: completed records drawn from day-to-day work.
7. Referral intake and result-communication procedures and their records, since AABB describes IRLs as consultation resources on rare antibodies and compatibility.
8. Your decision on whether AABB will be your CLIA provider for the IRL Activity.
9. Access to APEX, AABB's online accreditation portal, where the self-assessment is completed.