

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (MLT) - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I apply to get my MLT license?

A: Go online <https://secure.cps.ca.gov/cltreg/> and apply online.

Q: How much is the application fee?

A: \$97. The application fee is non refundable.

Q: How long is the licensing process?

A: Licensing process is 150 days based upon receipt of completed application and official documents.

Q: Can I send my transcripts to LFS?

A: No, transcripts must be sent directly from the office of registrar of the training institution.

Q: What are the academic requirements?

A: AA degree in chemical, physical, biological or clinical laboratory science, including a minimum of 36 semester units of physical or biological science from an accredited college or university.

Q: What are the required courses?

A. 36 semester units of physical and biological sciences, including 6 semester units of chemistry and 6 semester units in biology.

Q: I am a non-United States (foreign) graduate, what is the process?

A: You have to send a copy of your official transcript to AACRAO for evaluation.
www.AACRAO.org .

Q: What are the training/experience requirements?

A: Graduating from a NAACLS or LFS approved training program or United States of America military program.

Q: I have more than 3 years on-the-job practical experience in a California Physician Office laboratory, do I qualify for licensure?

A: You need to show documentation of work experience performing moderate complexity tests in the specialties of chemistry, hematology, microbiology, and immunology, signed by the physician.

Q: I have military experience, do I qualify for licensure?

A: You need to show documentation of six-months work experience performing moderate complexity tests or completion of phase I and phase II (basic and advanced) training in the specialties of chemistry, hematology, microbiology, and immunology.

Q: I failed the CA-CLS examination, Am I qualified for certifying Organization exam?

A: Yes, You need to apply for the MLT license and pass MLT Cert. Org. exam administered by the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB) or American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP).

Q: I am CLS/MLT license out side of California. Can I get my CA license?

A: If you are certified by AAB prior to January 1, 2003 or ASCP prior to June 1, 2003, you need to re-take the MLT AAB or ASCP exam after submitting an online electronic application and fee to State of California – Department of Public Health – Laboratory Field Services (LFS).

Q: Do I have to be in California to take the certifying Organization examination?

A: No, contact the AAB or ASCP certifying organizations for information regarding the examination for MLT California licensure. The AAB and ASCP contact information can be located on the internet.

Q: If you have more question regarding MLT, email lfspersonnel@dhs.ca.gov .