

You know the importance of accurate testing. So do your clients.



Why leave your testing to chance?

USE AN ACCREDITED LAB

Standards Council of Canada
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

Canada

Having your testing conducted by an accredited laboratory adds another level of assurance that your product meets industry-specific standards or regulatory requirements. It also gives your clients in Canada and around the world that extra confidence they may need.

DEMAND QUALITY ASSURANCE

PALCAN, the Standards Council of Canada's laboratory accreditation program, is your assurance of a lab's quality and technical competence. It is a national voluntary program using the international standard for technical competence and quality in all areas of testing and calibration (ISO/IEC 17025). Accreditation by the Standards Council to this international standard is recognized domestically and in a growing number of foreign markets.

The Standards Council of Canada accredits laboratories in a wide variety of fields and program specialty areas, including:

- agriculture and food
- environmental analysis
- fasteners
- forensic testing
- information technology
- mineral analysis
- test method development and evaluation and non-routine testing
- drinking water testing

In addition, the Standards Council accredits calibration laboratories in partnership with the National Research Council Canada (NRC) under its Calibration Laboratory Assessment Service, CLAS.

In Québec, laboratories are accredited in partnership with the *Bureau de normalisation du Québec* (BNQ).

Evaluation by our experienced and knowledgeable assessors ensures that laboratories seeking accreditation meet and maintain the high level of quality assurance that you demand.

WHY A STANDARDS COUNCIL-ACCREDITED LAB?

The Standards Council of Canada understands the importance of reliable lab results that meet internationally recognized standards. As the federally-mandated overseer of the national standards system, our accreditation programs have earned the recognition and respect of government regulators, business and industry and consumers nationwide.

Globally, the Standards Council represents Canada at the international bodies that develop standards for laboratories testing. We also work closely with international partners to ensure that laboratory test results will be recognized outside Canada. We have already signed a number of international agreements.

We take a service approach. Our focus is on making sure we meet the needs of accredited labs, so they can pass along the same quality of service to you.

WE CAN HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT LAB

The Standards Council is your link to qualified laboratories. We offer an online, searchable database that allows you to search by keyword, test type, laboratory name and location for the accredited laboratory that will best suit your organization's needs. Browse our site for the latest lab-related news and information.

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Interested in becoming an accreditation laboratory?

Accreditation is a valuable way for laboratories to demonstrate to potential clients that you are not only dependable, but also committed to quality of service. Contact us to find out more.