



FLORIDA STATE LICENSURE LAW

The State of Florida has enacted its own state licensure law with the intent of pursuing an exemption from the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). Florida's law differs from federal CLIA regulations in several areas, however, laboratories accredited by approved accrediting organizations must comply with state law.

Since enactment of the state law in 1993, various administrative rule changes have been created to address specific issues of laboratory regulation. In addition, legislative changes continue to be enacted as the state implements its laboratory licensure law.

COLA accreditation has been approved under Florida's licensure program and accredited laboratories may satisfy their state and federal regulatory compliance requirements through COLA's Laboratory Accreditation program.

CLIA Exemption

The State of Florida submitted its application to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for an exemption from the federal CLIA program. Due to the high overhead costs, Florida has put its exemption application on hold. If an exemption is granted, laboratories in the state will be subject only to Florida's laboratory licensure laws.

Laboratory Licensure Fees

On December 1, 2000, Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration began assessing license fees of new and renewing clinical laboratories. These fees are based on the volume of testing and number of categories (specialties) of testing the laboratory performs. Laboratories performing only waived testing and those inspected by approved accrediting organizations (i.e., COLA) are charged \$100

every two years. Review the table below to determine your biennial state license fee.

COLA accreditation is a cost-effective and educationally focused private alternative for clinical laboratories in Florida. If you have any questions about these or any other laboratory-related issues, please call COLA's Information Resource Center (IRC) at 800-981-9883 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eastern Time).

STATE OF FLORIDA - Clinical Laboratory License Fees (F.S. 483.172)
(These fees are charged in addition to Federal CLIA fees.)

Schedule	Biennial State License Fee
(a) Not more than 2,000 annual test volume	\$400
(b) 2,000 - 10,000 annual test volume and not more than 3 categories of testing	\$965
(c) Not more than 10,000 annual test volume and at least 4 categories of testing	\$1,294
(d) 10,001 - 25,000 annual test volume and not more than 3 categories of testing	\$1,592
(e) 10,001 - 25,000 annual test volume and at least 4 categories of testing	\$2,103
(f) 25,001 - 50,000 annual test volume	\$2,364
(g) 50,001 - 75,000 annual test volume	\$2,625
(h) 75,001 - 100,000 annual test volume	\$2,886
(i) 100,001 - 500,000 annual test volume	\$3,397
(j) 500,001 - 1,000,000 annual test volume	\$3,658
(k) Over 1,000,000 annual test volume	\$3,919
Certificate of Exemption (Waived Testing Only)	\$100
Accredited Laboratories	\$100