



Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization  
Voluntary Action Program

**Instructions**  
**on**  
**How to Apply**  
**for**  
**Initial Certification for Mobile Laboratories**

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1. These instructions are intended to help guide mobile laboratories (hereafter referred to as “laboratory”) applying for certification under Ohio’s Voluntary Action Program (VAP) - Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3746 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-300.
  2. The “Certified Laboratory” rule 3745-300-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code includes the procedures to apply for certification. A laboratory applying for initial certification must provide a hard copy of the following:
    - a. “acceptable proficiency testing (PT) results” for the analytes, parameter groups, and methods for which the laboratory is applying for certification - *see rule paras. (C) and (D)(1)(c)*;  
  
*[Comment: Ohio EPA may waive the PT requirement for some analytes, parameter groups, and methods – see rule para. (C)(2)(c)]*
    - b. the completed **VAP Laboratory Certification Form #1-A, Initial Certification Application for Mobile Laboratories**” - *see rule para. (D)(1)(a)*;
    - c. the quality assurance program plan (QAPP) -*see rule para. (D)(1)(b)*;
    - d. the standard operating procedures (SOP) for the analytes, parameter groups, and methods for which the laboratory is applying for initial certification; including digestion, extraction, and distillation SOPs - *see rule para. (D)(1)(d)*;
    - e. the method detection limit (MDL) studies - *see rule para. (D)(1)(e), and*;
    - f. any other documentation as required for certification of performance-based methods - *see rule para. (D)(4)*.

### **Application Procedures**

3. The application must be complete in order for the review to begin. A complete application package consists of the documentation listed in OAC rule 3745-300-04(D). Pursuant to OAC rule 3745-300-04(E), the Director will consider the application package incomplete if it fails to contain the aforementioned documentation.

4. Complete the following sections of the application (**Form #1-A**).

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION  
SECTION B: LABORATORY HISTORY  
SECTION C: LEGAL HISTORY  
SECTION D: TABLES FOR LISTING ANALYTES, PARAMETER  
GROUPS, AND METHODS  
SECTION E: AFFIDAVIT

### **Submission of the Application, Documentation, and Payment Information**

5. Please submit the application and documentation listed in OAC rule 3745-300-04(D) to the address provided below. The laboratory will be invoiced the actual costs incurred by the agency for the review of the application and associated documentation, including the agency's time for conducting a system audit. Payment of all costs must be made before a certification will be issued by the Director.

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