

**VIRGINIA DIVISION OF CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY SERVICES (DCLS)
VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (VELAP)
1VAC30-45 and 1VAC30-46**

**NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PERIOD ADJUSTMENT
July 30, 2025**

Currently, each certified or accredited laboratory under 1VAC30-45 or 1VAC30-46 holds a certificate that renews annually on one of the following dates: March 15, June 15, September 15, or December 15.

DCLS is making a one-time adjustment to consolidate all laboratories certified or accredited under 1VAC30-45 or 1VAC30-46 into one annual renewal period. Starting October 1, 2026, all certificates for these programs will be issued for the period of October 1 through September 30. This procedural change is necessary to simplify processing and increase efficiency.

All laboratories will continue to be invoiced for certification or accreditation approximately two months prior to the expiration of a certification period. During the adjustment period prior to October 1, 2026 when some certificates will be issued for less than a one year period, the fees invoiced to those laboratories will be proportionally reduced.

If your laboratory's current certificate expires on September 15, 2025:

- The laboratory has already been invoiced at 100% of the normal annual fee
- The next certificate will expire on September 30, 2026
- Expect an invoice for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 [full-year] renewal approximately August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter

If your laboratory's current certificate expires on December 15, 2025:

- Expect an invoice for 75% of the normal annual fee approximately October 15, 2025, covering a 9 month period
- The next certificate will expire on September 30, 2026
- Expect an invoice for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 [full-year] renewal approximately August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter

If your laboratory's current certificate expires on March 15, 2026:

- Expect an invoice for 50% of the normal annual fee approximately January 15, 2026, covering a 6 month period
- The next certificate will expire on September 30, 2026
- Expect an invoice for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 [full-year] renewal approximately August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter

If your laboratory's current certificate expires on June 15, 2026:

- Expect an invoice for 25% of the normal annual fee approximately April 15, 2026, covering a 3 month period

- The next certificate will expire on September 30, 2026
- Expect an invoice for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 [full-year] renewal approximately August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter

Fees for future initial certifications or accreditations issued by DCLS under 1VAC30-45 or 1VAC30-46 will be pro-rated to the nearest quarter with all initial certificates expiring on September 30, in keeping with this procedural update.

All certification or accreditation fees associated with a mid-cycle change-in-scope procedure, for example, fees for the addition of a test category not formerly held by the laboratory, will be invoiced at the full annual rate as done historically.

Please direct any questions about this procedural update to Lab_cert@dgs.virginia.gov or to the laboratory's assigned contact person.