

## Approved Proficiency Test Providers

**“Approved proficiency testing provider” means an external proficiency test provider who has been approved by the Department as set forth in COMAR 10.51.04.03.**

### **.03 Proficiency Testing Provider Approval.**

- A. *Approval Required. A private, nonprofit, or commercial organization or government agency may not provide a proficiency test in this State for use forensic laboratory without first obtaining proficiency testing approval from the Department.*
- B. *Approval Granted by the Secretary. The Department may approve a proficiency testing provider for a forensic science discipline or subdiscipline, if the proficiency testing provider:*
  - (1) *Provide reliable, documented evidence to the Department that the proficiency test is technically and administratively able to meet the applicable requirements of this chapter; and*
  - (2) *Submits directly to the Department evaluations of all proficiency tests results from each laboratory that holds a Maryland forensic laboratory permit.*

#### **1) Bode Cellmark Forensics (IQAS Proficiency Tests)**

**10430 Furnace Road, Suite 107, Lorton, VA 22079**

**Phone: 1-866-263-3443 / Fax: 703-646-9741**

**Email: IQAS@labcorp.com**

Approved Tests:

Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)

#### **(2) Collaborative Testing Services, Inc. (CTS)**

**21331 Gentry Drive, Sterling, VA 20166**

**Phone: (571) 434-1925 / Fax: (571) 434-1937**

**Email: info@cts-interlab.com**

Approved Tests:

Controlled substances

Crime scene (bloodstain pattern)

Serology, DNA (body fluid identification and DNA)

Firearms, Toolmark, Latent Prints

Serial number restoration (SNR)

Gunshot residue (distance determination)

Imprint/impression evidence

Fibers, Paint, Glass

Flammables (fire debris)

Questioned documents

Toxicology (blood/alcohol, blood/drug & urine/drug)

**(3) College of American Pathologists (CAP)**  
**325 Waukegan Rd, Northfield, IL 60093-2750**  
**Phone: (800) 323-4040 / Fax: (847) 832-8166**  
**Email: [contactcenter@cap.org](mailto:contactcenter@cap.org)**

Approved Tests:  
DNA (DNA, DNAF, FID, and FIDM)  
Toxicology (FTC - forensic toxicology criminalistics)  
Whole blood volatiles (AL1 - blood alcohol)

**(4) Forensic Assurance**  
**P.O. Box 231**  
**Northville, MI 48167**  
**Phone: (248) 773-5114**  
**Email: [info@forensicassurance.com](mailto:info@forensicassurance.com)**

Approved Tests:  
Finger/Latent Print Processing  
Controlled Substances  
Forensic Paint Analysis  
Forensic Fiber Analysis  
Firearms, Toolmark  
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA or Crime Scene)  
Biology (body fluid identification and DNA)  
Gunshot residue - Distance Determination  
Fingerprint (Identification and Processing)  
Fiber and Paint Analysis  
Footwear Identification

**(5) Forensic Testing Services (FTS)**  
**1099 W. Grand River Avenue, P.O. Box 514, Williamston, MI 48895**  
**Phone: (517) 202-5971 / Fax: (517) 579-4847**  
**Email: [info@forensic-testing.net](mailto:info@forensic-testing.net)**

Approved Tests:  
Tape (Duct, Electrical, Etc.)  
Bulb Examination for On/Off  
Microscopic Examination/Comparison of Hair  
Hair Screening  
Hair Comparison  
Microscopic Evaluation of Hair  
Chemical Unknown/Adulterated Beverage  
Gunshot Residue (swab and stub)  
Low Order Explosives

**(6) Ron Smith and Associates**  
**P.O. Box 670 Collinsville, MS 39325**  
**Phone: 1-866-832-6772**  
**Fax: 601-626-1122**  
**Email: [testing@ronsmithandassociates.com](mailto:testing@ronsmithandassociates.com)**  
Approved Tests:  
Latent Prints

**(7) Serological Research Institute (SERI)**  
**3053 Research Drive, Richmond, CA 94806**  
**Phone: (510) 223-7374 / Fax: (510) 222-8887**  
**Email: [serimain@serological.com](mailto:serimain@serological.com)**  
Approved Tests:  
DNA and Serology