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NVAP: Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I become accredited?

There is no cost to become accredited. Follow these steps:

- Complete [Initial Accreditation Training \(IAT\)](#)
- Complete an [Orientation Program](#)
- Be licensed or legally able to practice in the state where you are applying
- Indicate which Category of accreditation you wish to attain
 - Category I – all animals except food and fiber species, horses, birds, farmed raised aquatics, all other livestock species and zoo animals that can transmit exotic diseases to livestock
 - Category II – all animals
- Complete an application [VS Form 1-36A](#)
- Submit the original signed application to your **NVAP Coordinator**
- When approved you will receive an Accreditation certificate, an Accreditation Renewal Date (ARD) and a National Accreditation Number (NAN)

What is the difference between accreditation and authorization?

- Accreditation is a one-time process which gives veterinarians the authority to administer APHIS regulations related to animal health in the original State of application.
- Authorization is required in each additional state in which you want to conduct accredited duties (contact the Veterinary Services (VS) **NVAP Coordinator** in each additional state).

May I do accredited work in any State in which I am licensed or legally able to practice?

- No, you must apply for authorization in each additional (from the original state of accreditation) State in which you wish to conduct accredited duties.
- Contact the VS **NVAP Coordinator** in each additional state for requirements.
- When approved, you will receive a letter indicating your Authorization in the additional state.

How do I change accreditation categories?

- To change from Category I to Category II you must:
 - Complete six units of APHIS Approved Supplemental training
 - Submit a [VS Form 1-36A](#) to your VS **NVAP Coordinator**.
- To change from Category II to Category I you must:
 - Complete three units of APHIS Approved Supplemental training
 - Submit a [VS Form 1-36A](#) to your VS **NVAP Coordinator**.

How do I renew my accreditation?

- There is no cost to renew your accreditation.
- You will receive a reminder of your renewal along with instructions.
 - If you have a valid e-mail address on record-you will be sent e-mail reminders at six (6), three (3), and one (1) month intervals before your renewal.
 - If you have an invalid or no e-mail address on record, we will send you a reminder notice via USPS three (3) months before your renewal.
- You must complete your required APHIS-approved supplemental training (AAST) Six (6) AAST modules for Category II or three (3) AAST modules for Category I.
 - AAST is available, free, on the [NVAP Website](#)
 - AAST is available at no charge by ordering the USB versions from your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**.
 - AAST is available as lectures at veterinary meetings and conventions
- Submit [VS Form 1-36A](#)
 - Paper form; submit to your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**.
 - On-line

What happens if my accreditation expires?

- If you did not elect to participate (ETP) in the NVAP by October 2011, contact your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**.
- If you did not complete the required AAST prior to your ARD, contact your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**.
- If you did not apply for renewal, contact your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**.

How do I change my contact information?

- Submit a [VS Form 1-36A](#) to your local VS **NVAP Coordinator**
- [Directions to submit a VS Form 1-36A on-line](#)

Contact Us

NVAP Coordinators

For questions about NVAP, contact your local NVAP Coordinator by selecting your State or Territory from the dropdown menu below or visit [More Information About NVAP](#).

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