**Relationship Testing Facility Questionnaire**

Eligibility for AABB accreditation under the Relationship Testing (RT) Activity is determined by the activities performed by the facility. An RT Facility may be accredited for 1) All Relationship Testing Activities or 2) Relationship Testing Activities – collection and verification/reporting.

Definition of terms:

* **Collection/Verification Facility:** An organization or location that is assessed and accredited by the AABB for the specific activities of Collection and Verification.
  + **Collection:** The controlled process for obtaining a sample for relationship testing, including but not limited to: client scheduling and instruction, consent, identification, sampling, chain of custody documentation, and secure transport to the testing laboratory.
  + **Verification:** Confirmation by examination and provision of objective evidence that specified requirements are met.

Examples of Relationship Testing Facilities that might be eligible for AABB accreditation.

1. A facility that manages scheduling of sample collections, sample testing, report writing, report verification and is able to meet the standards in section B below.
2. A facility that manages scheduling of sample collections and performs a verification of the report with required information prior to issue and is able to meet the standards in section B below.

Example of a Relationship Testing Facility that would not be eligible for AABB accreditation:

1. A facility that only markets tests and makes referrals to other facilities.
2. A facility that schedules and/or collects samples but does perform verification.
3. A facility that cannot meet the standards in section B.

Complete sections A and B. Return by e-mail to [accreditation@aabb.org](mailto:accreditation@aabb.org)

1. **Facility information**

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| **Facility Name:** | Activities Performed by Facility |
| Yes or no |
| 1. Scheduling and/or Collection of Samples |  |
| 1. Sample Testing |  |
| 1. Report Verification |  |

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|  | **Answer Yes or no** |
| 1. Are you a publicly funded laboratory in the United States? |  |
| If yes, what entity are you associated with? |  |
| 1. Are you located in an emerging or developing economy or country? |  |
| If yes, is your facility experiencing resource constraints? |  |

**B. Pre-screening results of certain standards**

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| **Standard** | **At your facility:** |
| 1. Director: Does the facility have a director who has a doctoral degree in medicine, biology, chemistry, genetics, or clinical laboratory science and at least 2 years of training or experience in relationship testing in an AABB accredited laboratory (or equivalent) or under the guidance of the laboratory director currently or previously employed in an accredited laboratory?  *Note: A laboratory director may serve on a contract basis and is not required to work on-site. If the director position is not currently filled, describe your timeline for implementation.* | Name of Director: |
| 2. Outsourced Testing: Laboratory testing shall be performed in a laboratory accredited by either the AABB or other, equivalent, accrediting body. | Name of testing facility, if outsourced: |
| 3. Review of Outsourced Testing: A review of outsourced testing is also called verification. If a process is outsourced, the facility outsourcing the process shall perform its own review of the case and confirm that it meets both AABB and customer requirements before release to the client.  *If not currently performing, describe your timeline for implementation.* | Currently, performed? Yes/No |