

**A2LA TIMETABLE FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF
NELAC PROFICIENCY TESTING (PT) PROVIDERS**

June 23, 2003

A2LA will accredit those NELAC PT providers in the first group who meet the deadlines specified in this timetable. The accreditations of these PT providers will be granted and announced at the same time.

DEADLINE	ACCREDITATION PROCESS
<p>September 1, 2003</p> <p><i>A2LA Documents finalized</i></p>	<p>A2LA updates and finalizes all accreditation documents to the 2003 version of the NELAC standard, Chapter 2.</p>
<p>September 15, 2003</p> <p><i>A2LA Documents posted</i></p>	<p>A2LA posts these NELAC PT Provider program application documents to a dedicated page on the A2LA web site, www.a2la.org</p>
<p>September 15, 2003 through January 1, 2004</p> <p><i>Applications received</i></p>	<p>A2LA will accept applications for accreditation from the NELAC PT Providers. Applications received but deemed incomplete by A2LA will not be considered, if not then completed by this deadline.</p>
<p>January 1 through June 30, 2004</p> <p><i>Assessments completed</i></p>	<p>A2LA completes the assessments of the applicant NELAC PT Providers who have met the application deadline, provided all necessary documents to the assessment team, and have cooperated in scheduling their assessment with the A2LA lead assessor.</p> <p>Note: A2LA may begin the assessments of the PT providers with completed applications prior to January 1, 2004.</p>
<p>November 1, 2004</p> <p><i>Accreditations are announced</i></p>	<p>A2LA announces the accreditations of those NELAC PT Providers who have successfully completed the accreditation process in accordance with A2LA policies and procedures.</p> <p>Note: If all of the applicants in the first group have successfully completed the accreditation process prior to November 1, 2004, A2LA will announce earlier.</p>
<p>January 1, 2005</p> <p><i>Oversight</i></p>	<p>A2LA initiates the raw data review and summary report oversight of the NELAC PT Providers via database.</p> <p>Note: A2LA intends to demonstrate this database at the INELA meeting in Dallas, January 2004, request comments and then test the system in mock runs during 2004, moving towards full implementation by 2005.</p>