



## POSITION STATEMENT

# Eligibility Requirements for DAP Accreditation

## Purpose

Position statements from the College provide background information and express or clarify the College's position on a particular matter. They are intended as guidance for stakeholders in areas where events are evolving or changing rapidly, the implementation of processes and procedures, or where the implementation of policies and procedures is complex or uncertain before or as policies and procedures are developed.

This document sets out the requirements that facilities must meet to be eligible for accreditation by the DAP.

## Background

The DAP is the regulatory accreditation body for diagnostic services in British Columbia (BC) including laboratory medicine, diagnostic imaging, polysomnography, neurodiagnostics, and pulmonary function. The DAP does not provide competing services with these diagnostic facilities nor does it offer consultancy services. The DAP ensures availability of accreditation for all facilities conducting diagnostic services so that patients have access to quality diagnostic care.

Facilities require provisional accreditation prior to opening and operating in BC. In the BC regulatory environment, no diagnostic facility may operate without an accreditation award. Provisional accreditation uses a focused standard set addressing patient and staff safety and facility equipment validation prior to opening for service.

## Position

DAP accreditation is restricted to facilities that comply with the eligibility requirements that have been established based on facility and diagnostic service specifications:

### Facility eligibility requirements

All new diagnostic facilities intending to bill the Medical Services Plan (MSP) for their services will be requested to provide proof of exemption to the moratorium as awarded by the BC Agency for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and/or Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities (ACDF), prior to any initial assessment activity. Facilities seeking accreditation without proof of exemption to the moratorium must identify to the DAP if their intent is to

