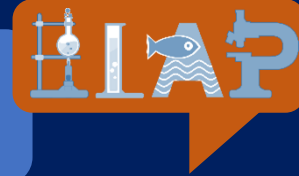


# Top 5 Questions



People are Asking about the New California ELAP Regulations

## 1 When will the new regulations take effect?

The regulations become effective on January 1, 2021. However, several new provisions will not be required immediately. Read on for more info.

## 2 Do I have to comply with the TNI Standard on January 1, 2021?

No. TNI is not required until January 1, 2024. During the 3-year transition period, labs will continue being held to the quality assurance requirements in the current (outgoing) regulations.

## 3 My laboratory has sophisticated instrumentation and will need to have its on-site assessment performed by a third-party assessment (TPA) agency. What should I do?

Attend ELAP's Virtual Third-Party Assessor Workshop (date TBD soon!) to get your questions answered. We know labs are experiencing anxiety around the unknowns related to this process, so ELAP is waiving this application requirement for labs expiring in 2020 and 2021.

## 4 What are the requirements for my application?

It depends on when your certificate is set to expire. Check out our nifty graphic, [Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation: Application Requirements](#), to see which path your laboratory is on.

## 5 Does ELAP have a plan to help?

Yes! ELAP is in this with you! We'll be setting up virtual events in coordination with your lab community leaders and colleagues who want to help you during the transition. We're here to make sure every laboratory has a path to compliance.

On May 5, 2020, the **California State Water Resources Control Board** adopted comprehensive regulations for the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) to modernize the program and elevate data quality for California communities. Help is on the way! A **Roadmap to ELAP Accreditation** will include a series of tools and guidance to help laboratories successfully navigate the path to compliance.

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