

FCC TEST LAB RECOGNITION CHANGES

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR FILINGS

A number of TCBs are no longer recognized by the FCC.
Learn how this could affect your grants.

Since September 2025, the FCC has withdrawn recognition from a growing list of foreign controlled test laboratories under its Reciprocal Rule. If one of these laboratories produced the test data behind an open filing, that filing may be worth a second look.

DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

In general, an FCC ID you already hold is not at risk. The exposure sits with filings still in progress: an application awaiting grant, a permissive change, or a new variant filed under an existing ID using the original test data. If any of these describe a current program, it is worth confirming the laboratory's status before you file.

A change in laboratory recognition can affect whether existing test data is accepted for the next filing step. Confirming this early can help avoid delays, additional testing, or a rejected submission.

FIVE STEPS TO CHECK YOUR EXPOSURE

-  Identify your lab. Check the cover page of your test report and the grant file.
-  Check its status. Confirm it against the FCC's current list of recognized laboratories.
-  Sort open vs closed. Separate what has shipped from what is still in progress.
-  Retest or review. Some items need a full retest, others a compliance file review.
-  Choose a lasting lab. Pick for where the rules are heading, not only where they are today.

If a laboratory change has put a filing at risk, our EMC team can review the test report and FCC ID with you and outline what carries over and what has to be repeated.

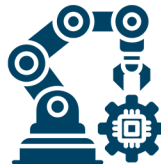
 Learn more: qai.org/news/fcc-withdraws-recognition-for-some-test-labs

HOW QAI CAN HELP

- FCC-recognized test laboratory and Telecommunication Certification Body (TCB)
- A2LA-accredited to ISO/IEC 17025; registered with FCC and ISED
- Three semi anechoic chambers and a 10m open area test site
- Wireless and radio certification up to 300 GHz, including 5G
- MIL-STD-461G testing for military and defense programs
- Compliance file review for programs that started at another laboratory



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