

Public Health Accreditation Board

The **Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)** was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body, and is jointly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The development of national public health accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, Tribal, state, and local levels. Learn more about PHAB or sign up for the PHAB e-newsletter by visiting www.phaboard.org.

Seven Steps of Public Health Department Accreditation:

1. Pre-application
2. Application
3. Document Selection and Submission
4. Site Visit
5. Accreditation Decision
6. Reports
7. Reaccreditation

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9 Things Every Health Department Should Know About Public Health Department Accreditation

1. National public health department accreditation is administered by the **Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)**, which is located in Alexandria, Virginia.
2. Eligible applicants are **Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments**.
3. **Accreditation for health departments is voluntary** – health departments should apply when they are ready!
4. The accreditation process and standards and measures were developed by public health practitioners, and they were **beta tested in 30 diverse health department sites across the country**.
5. **PHAB offers an array of materials** on www.phaboard.org to assist health departments throughout the accreditation process, from deciding whether their health department is ready all the way through the reaccreditation cycle. Some of those materials include:
 - PHAB Power Point Presentation for Health Departments
 - Guide to National Public Health Department Accreditation Version 1.0
 - PHAB Standards and Measures Version 1.0
 - PHAB Acronyms and Glossary of Terms Version 1.0
 - e-PHAB Statement of Intent Information 2011-2012
 - e-PHAB Application Information 2011-2012
 - National Public Health Department Accreditation Documentation Guidance Version 1.0
 - PHAB Standards and Measures Documentation Selection Spreadsheet Version 1.0
6. Four modules in an **online orientation** to national public health department accreditation can also be found on the website. The four modules are:
 - A General Overview of Public Health Department Accreditation
 - An Introduction to the PHAB Accreditation Process
 - The Nuts and Bolts of the PHAB Accreditation Process
 - Understanding the PHAB Standards and Measures and Documentation Requirements
7. **A community health assessment, a community health improvement plan, and a department strategic plan** are required to apply for national public health department accreditation – health departments can begin or refine work on these prerequisites now.
8. There is a specific accreditation fee schedule for each applicant based on the population served within the applicant's jurisdiction. See the PHAB website for the **2011-2012 Accreditation Fee Schedule and payment options**.
9. National public health department accreditation is an important step on the journey toward **quality improvement in public health!**