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| SUBJECT: Identifying Expiration of accreditation as type of Voluntary Termination of accreditation | | |

This guide is to provide clarification regarding the expiration of a laboratory's accreditation that is posted publicly on the NVLAP website.


NIST Handbook 150 section 3.12 indicates that voluntary termination occurs when a laboratory requests to terminate its accreditation in writing. NVLAP also includes the expiration of the accreditation at the completion of the accreditation cycle, either upon written request, or by a laboratory's failure to complete the renewal application process, as a type of voluntary termination. This type of termination is identified as Expired on the publicly posted terminations website and follows Section 3.12.4 in NIST Handbook 150.

Based on this identification of Expired accreditation being a type of voluntary termination, NIST Handbook 150 Section 3.12.1 is revised to read:

3.12.1 A laboratory may voluntarily terminate its accreditation prior to its expiration date by advising NVLAP in writing; or by allowing its accreditation to expire at the completion of the accreditation cycle. The expiration may occur either upon written request or by a laboratory choosing not to complete the renewal application process.

The Directory of Suspended and Terminated Accreditations is accessible from the NVLAP Directory.

If you have any questions, please contact your program manager about how NVLAP indicates a voluntary termination of accreditation and an expired accreditation.

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