



# AALAS Laboratory Animal Technician Certification & Registry

*Our Mission...to advance responsible laboratory animal care and use to benefit people and animals.*



## Certification

AALAS certification is the highest recognition of professional achievement and competence for technicians in the laboratory animal science profession. Many employers require AALAS certification as a criterion for employment, promotions, salary increases, and bonuses. The certification program is described in detail in the *Technician Certification Handbook*.

### Three Levels of Certification

Laboratory animal technicians are certified at three levels:

- Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG)

Certification at each level requires meeting prerequisites in education and work experience, and passing a corresponding certification examination.

### When You Attain Certification, You Grow Professionally In...

- **Respect.** Attaining AALAS certification reflects the highest standard of professionalism in the field of laboratory animal care. Achieving the ALAT, LAT, or LATG designation proves that you have demonstrated the skills and abilities necessary to improve the humane care and treatment of laboratory animals. Receipt of AALAS certification sends a signal to peers that you have studied hard and learned well about the animals entrusted to your care.
- **Knowledge.** Earning AALAS certification affirms your knowledge in a wide variety of subjects, including animal husbandry, facility management and administration, and animal health and welfare. By mastering these subjects, your knowledge will be expanded, as will your ability to deal with new problems and situations on the job. The ALAT, LAT, and LATG are instantly recognizable to those working in laboratory animal science as successive levels of achievement in gaining important knowledge about laboratory animal care and use.
- **Confidence.** Achieving AALAS certification is a personal accomplishment in your continuing development as an animal care professional. Your current and prospective employers recognize the value of technical competence. An increasing number of employers are realizing that, through this experience, you will be more knowledgeable and will work more productively. Your confidence will grow as you continue to gain recognition and the respect of your colleagues.

## Registry

The AALAS Technician Certification Registry is a voluntary program that documents your continuing competence as a registered AALAS-certified technician at the ALAT, LAT, or LATG level. The Registry is an extension of your certification credential which acknowledges ongoing training and education. The Registry gives you visible recognition for your commitment to staying up-to-date with new information and innovations in laboratory animal science.

### Benefits

- You are entitled to use an “R” in front of your certification (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG).
- You receive a Registry wallet-sized card good for two years.
- Your name will be included in the list of Registry participants published on the AALAS web site and in the *AALAS Reference Directory*.

RALAT   RLAT   RLATG



## How Do I Become Registered?

Upon certifying as an AALAS technician or technologist, you will be automatically placed in the Registry for a two-year period.

If you have previously earned AALAS certification, submit a CEU Form listing the training activities for the number of continuing education units (CEUs) required at your certification level:

- ALAT—10 CEUs
- LAT—14 CEUs
- LATG—24 CEUs



## Is There a Registry Fee?

Not for AALAS members! If you are an AALAS member at the time you renew or apply to be in the Registry, there is no cost to you!

If you are a nonmember, either:

- Pay the \$40 Registry nonmember fee at the time of entering or renewing the Registry.
- Join AALAS at any level and participate in the Registry for free!

You can use CEU opportunities for every type of education and training in the laboratory animal field:

- Formal education and training
- Publications, reports, and presentations
- Participation in professional societies
- Online learning courses

You renew your Registry status every two years.

Need more info? Visit [www.aalas.org](http://www.aalas.org)

Refer to the “Certification” section for:

- *AALAS Technician Certification Handbook*
- Registry program details
- Example CEU Activities
- CEU Submission Form

For more information on Certification or the Registry contact the AALAS office directly.

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