



The PAACB Spore Analyst Certification Registration Form

The PAACB Program:

- certifies individual analysts, not laboratories, ensuring analytical quality, where accurate identification is critical;
- ensures that analysts meet basic competency criteria for each level and are able to correctly identify spores and separate spores from artifacts;
- is based on competency criteria established and validated by a panel of scientific experts;
- is valid for three years; and
- costs \$850 per person. Payments are separated as follows:
 - 1) Nonrefundable \$450 registration fee and written Qualifying Exam.
 - 2) Nonrefundable \$400 Certification Exam. This fee will be billed upon notification that a candidate has passed the qualifying exam and must be paid prior to taking the certification exam.

Level 1 Certification: covers the practical approaches to sample analyses, identification of commonly encountered spores, and calculation of concentrations from raw counts.

To become a certified spore analyst, submit a registration form, signed policy statement, and registration fee, prepare for and pass a written Qualifying Exam.

After passing the Qualifying Exam, pay for, prepare for, and pass the Certification Exam.

The Certification Exam will be scheduled in a testing center near the candidate and will include short-answer and multiple-choice questions and images to be assessed by the candidate.

Guidance documents and additional information are available at www.paacb.org or upon request.

It is recommended that a candidate have either:

- *6 Months full-time spore counting and identification experience; or
- *12 months part-time spore counting and identification experience.

To register and pay for the Qualifying Exam please mail or fax this form and a signed policy statement along with the \$450 fee to:

The Pan American Aerobiology Certification Board (PAACB), P.O. Box 714,
Trumansburg, NY 14886, USA.

Questions?

- Check FAQs at www.paacb.org;
- email: administrator@paacb.org
- FAX: 866-240-3044

The Pan American Aerobiology Certification Board invites all who believe themselves to be qualified to apply for certification and take the written Qualifying Examination for Level 1 Spore Analyst Certification. Eligibility to take the Certification Examination will be based on achieving a passing grade on the Qualifying Exam.

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

Company Name (optional): _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ph: _____ Email _____

I have enclosed a signed policy statement I am paying the \$450 registration and qualifying exam fee by (check one): Check enclosed Please charge my VISA/MC/AmExp (circle one)

CC# _____ Expiration date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____