

Eye Bank Association of America's Accreditation Status List

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Member	City	State	Country	Last Inspection	Notes
ACTIVE (ACCREDITED) COMPREHENSIVE U.S. MEMBERS (Accredited for all six (6) eye bank functions, which are: Recovery, Processing, Tissue Storage, Final Distribution, Tissue Evaluation, and Donor Eligibility Determination)					
Alabama Eye Bank	Birmingham	AL	USA	Fall 2007	
Arkansas Lions Eye Bank & Laboratory	Little Rock	AR	USA	Spring 2007	
Donor Network of Arizona	Phoenix	AZ	USA	Fall 2006	
Lions Eye Bank of the San Joaquin Valley	Fresno	CA	USA	Spring 2009	
Sierra Eye & Tissue Donor Services --DCI Donor Services	Sacramento	CA	USA	Fall 2008	
San Diego Eye Bank	San Diego	CA	USA	Spring 2009	
University of California, San Francisco Tissue Bank	San Jose	CA	USA	Fall 2006	
Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank	Aurora	CO	USA	Fall 2008	
Connecticut Eye Bank & Visual Research Foundation, Inc.-TBI	New Britain	CT	USA	Spring 2009	
Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research – Vision Share	Tampa	FL	USA	Fall 2008	
Georgia Eye Bank, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	USA	Spring 2007	
Hawaii Lions Eye Bank & Makana Foundation	Honolulu	HI	USA	Spring 2009	
Iowa Lions Eye Bank -- Vision Share	Iowa City	IA	USA	Spring 2007	
Idaho Lions Eye Bank	Boise	ID	USA	Spring 2008	
Illinois Eye-Bank, Watson Gailey, Midwest Eye-Banks	Bloomington	IL	USA	Spring 2008	
Illinois Eye Bank, Midwest Eye-Banks	Chicago	IL	USA	Fall 2006	
Eye Bank of Northern Indiana at Donor Services of Indiana	Fort Wayne	IN	USA	Spring 2009	
Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank	Indianapolis	IN	USA	Spring 2008	
Kansas Eye Bank & Cornea Research Center	Wichita	KS	USA	Spring 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of Lexington--Vision Share	Lexington	KY	USA	Fall 2007	
University of Louisville Lions Eye Bank	Louisville	KY	USA	Fall 2007	
Baton Rouge Regional Eye Bank	Baton Rouge	LA	USA	Spring 2007	
Southern Eye Bank	Metairie	LA	USA	Spring 2009	
Louisiana Lions Eye Bank	Shreveport	LA	USA	Fall 2008	
Medical Eye Bank of Maryland and Washington Eye Bank--TBI	Baltimore	MD	USA	Fall 2008	
Michigan Eye-Bank, Midwest Eye-Banks	Ann Arbor	MI	USA	Fall 2006	
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank -- Vision Share	St. Paul	MN	USA	Fall 2006	
Heartland Lions Eye Bank, Kansas City	Kansas City	MO	USA	Spring 2008	
Mid-America Transplant Services	St. Louis	MO	USA	Fall 2008	

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Heartland Lions Eye Bank, St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	USA	Spring 2007	
Mississippi Lions Eye Bank	Flowood	MS	USA	Spring 2007	
Lifeshare of the Carolinas-- Asheville	Asheville	NC	USA	Fall 2008	
Lifeshare of the Carolinas-- Charlotte	Charlotte	NC	USA	Fall 2006	
The North Carolina Eye Bank, Inc. --Vision Share	Winston-Salem	NC	USA	Fall 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Inc. -- TBI	Bismarck	ND	USA	Fall 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of Nebraska, Inc.	Omaha	NE	USA	Fall 2008	
Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey, Midwest Eye-Banks	Springfield	NJ	USA	Fall 2008	
New Mexico Lions Eye Bank -- TBI	Albuquerque	NM	USA	Fall 2006	
Nevada Donor Network, Inc.	Las Vegas	NV	USA	Fall 2007	
Sight Society of Northeastern NY (Lions Eye Bank at Albany)	Albany	NY	USA	Spring 2007	
Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc.	Buffalo	NY	USA	Spring 2008	
The Lions Eye Bank for Long Island	Manhasset	NY	USA	Spring 2007	
The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc.	New York	NY	USA	Spring 2009	
Rochester Eye & Human Parts Bank	Rochester	NY	USA	Spring 2009	
Central New York Eye Bank	Syracuse	NY	USA	Spring 2008	
Cincinnati Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc.	Cincinnati	OH	USA	Spring 2009	
Cleveland Eye Bank -- Vision Share	Cleveland	OH	USA	Spring 2008	
Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank, Inc.	Columbus	OH	USA	Spring 2008	
Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio -- TBI	Dayton	OH	USA	Spring 2008	
Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank	Oklahoma City	OK	USA	Fall 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of Oregon--Vision Share	Portland	OR	USA	Fall 2007	
Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank, Inc.	Allentown	PA	USA	Fall 2008	
Lions Eye Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, Inc.	Erie	PA	USA	Fall 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley	Philadelphia	PA	USA	Spring 2007	
Gift of Life Donor Program Eye Bank	Hershey	PA	USA	Fall 2008	
Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE)	Pittsburgh	PA	USA	Fall 2006	
Lions Eye Bank of Puerto Rico	San Juan	PR	USA	Fall 2007	
LifePoint, Inc.--Charleston--Vision Share	Charleston	SC	USA	Spring 2009	
South Dakota Lions Eye Bank	Sioux Falls	SD	USA	Spring 2009	
Tennessee District 12-0 Lions Eye Bank	Chattanooga	TN	USA	Fall 2007	
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, Inc.	Knoxville	TN	USA	Fall 2007	
Mid-South Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc.	Memphis	TN	USA	Fall 2006	
Tennessee Donor Services -- DCI Donor Services	Nashville	TN	USA	Spring 2007	
UT Transplant Services Center Lions Eye Bank--Vision Share	Dallas	TX	USA	Spring 2007	

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Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	TX	USA	Spring 2007	
Great Plains Lions Eye Bank, Inc.	Lubbock	TX	USA	Spring 2008	
Lone Star Lions Eye Bank	Manor	TX	USA	Spring 2009	
Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance	San Angelo	TX	USA	Fall 2007	
San Antonio Eye Bank -- TBI	San Antonio	TX	USA	Spring 2008	
Utah Lions Eye Bank at the John A. Moran Eye Center-Vision Share	Salt Lake City	UT	USA	Fall 2008	
Lions Medical Eye Bank & Research Center of Eastern Virginia, Inc. -- Vision Share	Norfolk	VA	USA	Spring 2007	
Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc.	Richmond	VA	USA	Fall 2006	
SightLife -- Vision Share	Seattle	WA	USA	Spring 2009	
Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin	Madison	WI	USA	Fall 2007	
Medical Eye Bank of West Virginia-- Vision Share	Charleston	WV	USA	Fall 2006	
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Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society	Calgary	AB	CANADA	Spring 2008	
Eye Bank of British Columbia	Vancouver	BC	CANADA	Fall 2007	
Lions Eye Bank of Manitoba & NorthWest Ontario, Inc.	Winnipeg	MB	CANADA	Spring 2007	
New Brunswick Eye and Tissue Bank	Saint John	NB	CANADA	Fall 2007	
Eye Bank of Saskatchewan	Regina	SK	CANADA	Fall 2007	
Eye Bank of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	SK	CANADA	Fall 2007	
Eye Bank of Canada- Ontario Division	Toronto	ON	CANADA	Spring 2008	
ACTIVE (ACCREDITED) LIMITED U.S. MEMBERS (Accredited for <u>specific (not all)</u> eye bank functions, which are: Recovery (R), Processing (P), Tissue Storage (S), Final Distribution (FD), Tissue Evaluation (TE), and Donor Eligibility Determination(DE))					Eye Bank Functions for which the bank is Accredited *
Northern California Transplant Bank – TBI	Oakland	CA	USA	Fall 2007	R, S
Doheny Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank -- TBI	Los Angeles	CA	USA	Spring 2009	S, FD, TE, DE
OneLegacy	Los Angeles	CA	USA	Fall 2008	R, S
New England Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank -- TBI	Boston	MA	USA	Spring 2009	S, FD, TE, DE
LifePoint, Inc.-- Greenville--Vision Share	Greenville	SC	USA	Spring 2009	R, P, S
LifePoint, Inc.-- West Columbia--Vision Share	West Columbia	SC	USA	Spring 2009	R, P, S

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The National Eye Bank Center--TBI	Memphis	TN	USA	Spring 2007	P, S, FD, TE, DE
ASSOCIATE (UNACCREDITED) INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS					
Banque D'Yeux Du Quebec (Quebec Eye Bank)	Montreal	QB	CANADA		
The Veneto Eye Bank Foundation	Venezia-Mestre		ITALY		
Cornea Center & Eye Bank	Ichikawa City	Chiba	JAPAN		
King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital Eye Bank	Riyadh		SAUDI ARABIA		
The Taiwan Eye Bank	Taichung		TAIWAN		
Taiwan Eye Bank -- Office in the US	Phoenix	MD			
East Grinstead Eye Bank	E Grinstead	WS	UK		
ASSOCIATE (UNACCREDITED) U.S. MEMBERS					Notes
California Transplant Services	Carlsbad	CA	USA		New member 11-07
Florida Lions Eye Bank	Miami	FL	USA		New member 06-08
Fort Worth Eye Bank	Fort Worth	TX	USA		New member 06-08

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION INSPECTIONS (EBAA Medical Standards, November 2008)

A1.000 Introduction and Purpose

These standards have been developed to assure consistently acceptable levels of quality, proficiency, and ethics in dealing with eye tissue for transplantation and define the minimum standards of practice in the recovery, preservation, storage, and distribution of eye tissue for transplantation and research, as determined by the ophthalmological medical community.

A1.100 Scope

These standards are intended to apply to any and all aspects of eye banking, to include:

- Recovery of eye and corneal tissue
- Processing of tissue
- Storage of tissue
- Evaluation of tissue
- Determination of donor eligibility
- Distribution of tissue for transplant, research and teaching

These standards shall be reviewed at least annually and revised as necessary to incorporate current research findings and improved clinical practice.

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B1.000 Active Membership

In order for an eye bank to become an active member of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), it must comply with the EBAA Bylaws and the following:

1. Demonstrate compliance with EBAA Medical Standards.
2. Maintain accreditation status by passing the site inspection as administered by the EBAA Accreditation Board.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in any aspect of eye banking including recovery, processing, tissue storage, evaluation, donor eligibility determination and final distribution.
4. Proficiency shall be demonstrated by providing documentation, at the time of completing the application, of the handling of at least 25 surgical corneas annually.
5. Certify compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations.

Once accredited, an eye bank must be inspected and reaccredited at least every three years to maintain active membership in the EBAA.

EYE BANK FUNCTIONS (EBAA Accreditation Policies and Procedures, December 2008)

Eye Bank Establishment Functions

***The EBAA Accreditation Board accredits establishments that perform any or all of the following functions:**

Recovery (R): The establishment procures ocular tissues, which encompasses, but is not limited to: in situ excision, whole globe enucleation, donor body assessment, pen light examination, assignment of a unique identification number, preservation media storage, pre-distribution packaging of tissue, supply storage, sterilization of instruments.

Processing (P): Post-recovery, the establishment prepares ocular tissues, which encompasses, but is not limited to: open container processing (e.g. laboratory corneal excisions, laboratory scleral preservation, preparation of lamellar tissue, preparation of tissue for IEK), supply storage, sterilization of instruments, environmental control/cleaning, preservation media storage, pre-distribution packaging of tissue.

Tissue Storage (S): The establishment stores transplantable ocular tissue, which encompasses, but is not limited to: Refrigerator control (temperature monitoring), quarantine requirements, and others, as appropriate to the scope of the inspection.

Final Distribution (FD): The facility releases the tissue for distribution to the end user, which encompasses, but is not limited to: handling of recipient records, packaging tissue for distribution, labeling tissue, seeking post-operative follow-up reports, tracking of the tissue, assignment of a unique identification number.

Tissue Evaluation (TE): The establishment performs slit lamp microscopy and/or specular microscopy of ocular tissue, which encompasses, but is not limited to: determination of endothelial density, equipment calibration and maintenance.

Donor Eligibility Determination (DE): The establishment makes the final determination of donor suitability, which encompasses, but is not limited to: signing off on donor screening and testing, including the review of donor physical assessment, medical/ social history, plasma dilution, serology results.

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CATEGORIES OF ACCREDITATION (EBAA Bylaws, June 2009)

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Categories of Membership

A. Active (Accredited) Comprehensive U.S. Membership.

An eye bank (or group of eye banks organized and operated as a single legal entity) is eligible for Active U.S. Membership if it (or in the case of a group, each of its members): (1) is organized under the laws of a state of the United States and is an organization exempt from federal taxation under Sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or another provision deemed analogous by the Association; (2) provides evidence satisfactory to the Association that it has substantial support among the medical and ophthalmological communities; (3) has successfully completed the Association's accreditation process; (4) is not currently suspended or terminated from Association membership as the result of a finding of unethical conduct under the Association's Code of Ethics; and (5) pays the required dues.

B. Active (Accredited) Limited U.S. Membership.

An eye bank (or entity(ies) performing limited eye bank activities or a group of eye banks) which performs a limited number of eye banking activities is eligible for Active (Accredited) Limited U.S. Membership if it: (1) is organized under the laws of a state of the United States and is an organization exempt from federal taxation under Sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or another provision deemed analogous by the Association; (2) provides evidence satisfactory to the Association that it has substantial support among the medical and ophthalmological communities; (3) has successfully completed the Association's accreditation process for those eye banking activities it performs; (4) is not currently suspended or terminated from Association membership as the result of a finding of unethical conduct under the Association's Code of Ethics; and (5) pays the required dues.

C. Associate (Unaccredited) U.S. Membership.

An eye bank (or entity(ies) performing eye bank activities or a group of eye banks) is eligible for Associate (Unaccredited) U.S. Membership if it meets all the requirements for Active (Accredited) Comprehensive or, alternatively, Active (Accredited) Limited U.S. Membership except that it has not yet met or does not currently meet the Association's requirements for accreditation.

D. Active (Accredited) Comprehensive International Membership.

An eye bank (or entity(ies) located outside the United States is eligible for Active (Accredited) Comprehensive International Membership if it meets the requirements substantially equivalent to those for Active (Accredited) Comprehensive U.S. Membership, except that it is organized as a charitable, educational or social welfare organization under applicable law of a foreign nation or political subdivision thereof.

E. Active (Accredited) Limited International Membership.

An eye bank (or entity(ies) performing eye bank activities or a group of eye banks) located outside the United States is eligible for Active (Accredited) Limited International Membership if it meets the requirements substantially equivalent to those for Active (Accredited) Limited U.S. Membership, except that it is organized as a charitable, educational or social welfare organization under applicable law of a foreign nation or political subdivision thereof.

F. Associate (Unaccredited) International Membership.

An eye bank (or entity(ies) performing eye bank activities) located outside the United States is eligible for Associate (Unaccredited) International Membership if it meets all the criteria for Active (Accredited) Comprehensive or, alternatively, Active (Accredited) Limited International Membership except that it has not yet met or does not currently meet the Association's requirements for accreditation.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITATION DECISIONS (EBAA Accreditation Policies and Procedures, December 2008)

D1.000 Accreditation Results

- a. Results of the site visit are determined by a majority decision of the Accreditation Board following a thorough review of the information and materials submitted by the eye bank and the inspection team.

D1.300 Accreditation Decisions

Accreditation decisions take effect upon official notification of Board decisions (or others as defined by these Policies and Procedures), provided either at an EBAA meeting or through the mail, even when subsequent corrective actions are required. Failure to provide documentation of the implementation of corrective actions to the Board's satisfaction, within the required time frames, may result in loss of accreditation status.

D1.310 Accreditation Status

- a. Accreditation is awarded on a time-limited basis by vote of the Accreditation Board. An eye bank that receives no citations following inspection will be recommended to receive maximum accreditation status by motion and approval of the Accreditation Board. The following guidelines are used by the Board:
 - **Three Year** - Acceptable compliance with EBAA Medical Standards in all performance areas related to accreditation designation (i.e., pre-inspection questionnaire, policies and procedures, executive director, medical director, technical personnel and procedures, lab and equipment, records) demonstrated during the site inspection and upon initial review of the policies and procedures. An overall score of at least 95% was achieved and at least 85% in all performance areas. Follow-up/corrective actions required were minor, did not involve potential threats to recipient or employee safety and could be completed within one month following official written notice. Duration of accreditation is three (3) years.
 - **Two year** - An overall score of at least 90% was achieved, but a score of less than 85% was identified in at least one performance area (i.e., pre-inspection questionnaire, policies and procedures, executive director, medical director, technical personnel and procedures, lab and equipment, records) during the site inspection and upon initial review of the policies and procedures manual. Identified deficiencies did not involve potential threats to recipient or employee safety. Deficiencies can be corrected through submission of written progress reports and corrective actions within specified time frames. Duration of accreditation is two (2) years.
 - **One Year** - An overall score of at least 85% was achieved, but scores less than 85% were obtained in more than one performance area (i.e., pre-inspection questionnaire, policies and procedures, executive director, medical director, technical personnel and procedures, lab and equipment, records) during the site inspection and upon initial review of policies and procedures manual. It is expected that deficiencies can be corrected through submission of written progress reports and corrective actions within specified time frames. Identified deficiencies did not involve potential threats to recipient or employee safety. Duration of accreditation is one (1) year.
- b. The above are guidelines only. During the inspection team's presentation to the Accreditation Board and the ensuing discussion, the Board may consider other factors in determining accreditation status. These may include, but are not limited to:
 - Corrective actions submitted in the appropriate time frame prior to the meeting of the Accreditation Board (D1.400).
 - Patterns of deficiencies (i.e., over time or by type).
 - Discussion and review of inspectors' specific findings.
 - Repeat deficiencies (deficiencies found on prior inspections for which corrective actions had been submitted which are again found to be out of compliance with EBAA Medical Standards).

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- c. All banks awarded accreditation, regardless of the length of their accreditation status, have been found by the Accreditation Board to be in substantial compliance with EBAA Medical Standards, with no evidence of donor screening or tissue procurement, processing, storage or distribution practices that represent a potential threat to recipients or employees.

D1.330 Non-Accreditation

A status of "unaccredited" will result when an eye bank has demonstrated significant noncompliance with EBAA Medical Standards, as in the following:

- a. Scheduled inspection results show:
 1. An overall score of lower than 85%, or
 2. Potential threats to recipient and employee safety, or
 3. Noncompliance identified at a prior site inspection that was purportedly corrected is again found during this site inspection, or
- b. The bank's accreditation is withdrawn by the EBAA for other actionable reasons such as:
 1. Failure to comply with required corrective actions following a site inspection
 2. Failure to handle 25 surgical tissues within one year, absent an approved correction plan
 3. Result of an off-cycle inspection
 4. The bank declines to be inspected upon expiration of accreditation
 5. Noncompliance with EBAA Medical Standards identified during an inspection is determined to require immediate action.
- c. The bank voluntarily withdraws from accreditation.

Summary Suspension

In rare cases, where an inspection team believes that an eye bank fails to meet EBAA Standards to such a degree that the potential harm to recipients and/or employees is significant and immediate, the inspectors may recommend that the eye bank's accreditation be summarily suspended during the period between the date of the on-site inspection and the date the Accreditation Board meets to make a formal decision on the eye bank's accreditation status. Recommendations for summary suspension must be made by both members of the inspection team. When such a recommendation is made, EBAA staff will immediately convene a meeting or telephone conference with the inspectors and a Subcommittee, as defined in B1.000 General, section Off-Cycle Subcommittee. The panel will discuss the matter with the inspection team and make a decision to summarily suspend, or not summarily suspend, the eye bank's accreditation status. A decision to summarily suspend must be unanimous, and such decisions are not subject to appeal. Eye bank's that are summarily suspended will be so notified, and will have their accreditation status listed as "suspended" until the full Accreditation Board meets at its next scheduled time. An eye bank that has had its accreditation summarily suspended may not hold itself out to the public or to any third party as having EBAA accreditation during the period of the suspension.

Targeted Off-Cycle Inspections:

A Targeted Off-cycle Inspection occurs when an Accreditation Board subcommittee determines conditions are met as outlined in Accreditation Policy C1.500, a, section 1 or 2. A limited inspection may be conducted, targeting only those areas in which the EBAA has received signed allegations of potential problems (C1.500a.1.), or areas related to the subject matter of adverse reaction reports (C1.500a.2.). An EBAA representative will contact the eye bank one (1) day in advance of the inspection, and will notify the eye bank director of the following:

- The time of the inspection,
- Any documents and/or records to be made available to the inspection team; and
- The personnel needed to be available for interview by the review team.

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Other Location(s)

Eye banks applying for accreditation/reaccreditation which operate entities physically separate from the parent bank shall be required to complete the Other Location(s) section of the EBAA Site Inspection Application (see Accreditation Policies and Procedures C1.400, Inspection of Other Location(s) to Parent Banks).

F1.000 Identification of Accreditation Status

- a. An accredited eye bank may identify itself as such and hold itself out to the public as EBAA accredited. A bank accredited for limited functions must so designate itself in a manner that does not imply accreditation for full service.
- b. A non-accredited eye banks shall not hold itself out either expressly, or indirectly, as an EBAA accredited eye bank. All materials that identify its accreditation status must be submitted to the EBAA for approval prior to distribution.
- c. Eye banks provisionally accredited shall identify themselves as such.