TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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WAIVER APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIC COURSEWORK AND/OR MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL ANALYST OR TECHNICIAN)

A forensic analyst or technician who is a lateral hire, a promoting analyst or a current laboratory employee may apply to the Commission for waiver of specific coursework requirements and/or minimum education requirements by using this form. You may use this form to request pre-approval of your waiver request before you submit your forensic analyst or technician license application. **Once your waiver application is approved, this form must be uploaded and submitted with your individual forensic analyst or technician license application in ALiS along with the Commission's letter granting approval of your waiver.**

The Commission may waive one or more of the specific coursework requirements or minimum education requirements for an applicant who:

1) has five or more years of credible experience in an accredited laboratory in the forensic discipline for which he or she seeks licensure; or three or more years of credible experience in an accredited laboratory in the firearms/toolmarks discipline and is applying for a firearms/toolmarks analyst or technician license; or

2) is certified by one or more of the following nationally recognized certification bodies in the forensic discipline for which he or she seeks licensure:

    a. The American Board of Forensic Toxicology;
    b. The American Board of Clinical Chemistry;
    c. The International Association for Identification;
    d. The Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners; or
    e. The American Board of Forensic Document Examiners; and

3) provides written documentation of laboratory-sponsored training in the subject matter areas addressed by the specific coursework requirements the candidate is missing.

Applicant Name:

Applicant Laboratory Name:

Laboratory Representative/Director:

Please describe below the specific coursework requirement(s) and/or minimum education requirements for your forensic discipline(s) that you are unable to fulfill and for which you are seeking a waiver from the Commission. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please provide a written explanation of the laboratory-sponsored training(s) you have received that cover the subject matter areas addressed by the specific coursework and/or minimum education requirement(s) you are missing. Attach additional pages as necessary.

You must also attach written documentation of the laboratory-sponsored training you have received in the subject matter areas addressed by the specific coursework requirements you are missing to this application.

Please check all that apply:

☐ I have five or more years of credible experience in an accredited laboratory in the forensic discipline(s) for which I seek licensure; or

☐ I am certified by the following nationally recognized certification body in the forensic discipline for which I seek licensure:

- ○ The American Board of Forensic Toxicology;
- ○ The American Board of Clinical Chemistry;
- ○ The International Association for Identification;
- ○ The Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners; or
- ○ The American Board of Forensic Document Examiners; and

I have received laboratory-sponsored training as described herein and attached to this application in the subject matter area(s) for which I am seeking a waiver.

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Applicant Signature DATE

Completed forms must be signed and submitted to licensing@fsc.texas.gov.