

# Frequently Asked Questions: Lab Cal™ Software

## Do I have to have WIMS Data Management Software to run Lab Cal?

Yes, Lab Cal is an “add-on” module for WIMS, providing additional lab-focused functionality to your WIMS Data Management Software.

## Who is the ideal user for Lab Cal?

Small to medium-sized municipal labs that are looking for a simple solution that includes all of the primary features of a LIMS System, but without complicated add-ons built specifically for Pharmaceutical and/or Commercial Labs.

## How does Lab Cal compare to a standalone LIMS?

Lab Cal is part of a complete data management solution, bringing lab, process, and field data, as well as calculations, all together for easy reporting and analysis at a fraction of the cost of a standalone LIMS.

## I looked into Lab Cal years ago. What are the main new features added to Lab Cal in recent years?

A few of the new features include:

- Analytical batch tracking with integrated QC
- Seasonal scheduling
- Barcoding
- Billing/Cost tracking
- Notifications of due or late samples
- Mobile device integration

## I have an older version of Lab Cal. How do I update to get these new features?

Customers with a Hach Support contract can contact Hach Technical Support for assistance downloading and installing the most current version. If you do not currently have a Hach Support contract, please contact your Hach Sales Representative to discuss support options



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### Can Lab Cal help with meeting NELAC requirements?

Yes, Lab Cal tracks a significant portion of the data that is required for NELAC. Lab SOPs are still required to track data not included in Lab Cal, such as proficiency testing.

### Can Notifications be sent for due or overdue samples?

Yes, Notifications can be sent either as emails or text messages.

### I already have a LIMS system and want to integrate it with my existing WIMS system. Do I need Lab Cal to do that?

No. A LIMS interface can be purchased for your existing WIMS solution.

### Can Lab Cal replace my existing LIMS?

Every situation is different and Hach can help you evaluate workflows, data migration, etc. to determine if Lab Cal is a good fit for your organization.

### Is Lab Cal a good fit for my organization?

If you can answer "Yes" to the following questions, then Lab Cal is likely a good fit for your organization and you should discuss further with your Hach Sales Representative.

- Do you schedule most of your samples?
- Do you track less than 100 samples on average per day?
- Do you need to produce regulatory reports (CMDP, NetDMR, etc.)?
- Do you receive frequent data requests from operations, engineers, etc.?
- Do you need a lower TCO than implementing a standalone LIMS?

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