

What is a Newborn Screening Facility (NSF)?

An NSF is a health facility that educates parents about NBS during prenatal, collects blood sample for newborn screening, sends sample to NSC, recalls patients found positive in newborn screening and assists in the management of patients.

How does one become an NSF?

1. Organize a Newborn Screening (NBS) Team. The NBS Team shall be chaired by an NBS Coordinator who shall oversee the NBS Process, collection of samples, release of results, prompt recall, and follow-up of positive cases.
2. Download and fill out the [institutional database form](#) . The form can be also be secured from the Newborn Screening Reference Center - National Institutes of Health (NSRC-NIH) or your respective DOH-Regional Offices (DOH-ROs).
3. Submit the form together with the Certificate of Attendance in a Newborn Screening Training to:

Newborn Screening Reference Center
National Institutes of Health, UP Manila

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**Additional requirements for private health facilities is needed: DTI Certificate/SEC Registration/
Mayor's Permit/ Business
Permit*

4. Application will be forwarded to the Department of Health – Regional Office following Department Memo 2018-0167 Application of all Health Facilities to become Newborn Screening Facilities. E
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from the DOH-RO is a prerequisite for the assignment of facility codes to the applying health facilities.

5. Once endorsement is received, NSRC will send the following to the applicant:
 - a. A welcome letter indicating the facility code.
 - b. Administrative mechanics including how to order the NBS Specimen Collection Kit.
6. Once the facility code and the mechanics are received, order the NBS Specimen Kits from the assigned Newborn Screening Center (NSC).
7. Start offering newborn screening services once the ordered kits are delivered.
8. Inform all sections concerned (e.g. Dept of Pediatrics and OB, Nursery) about inclusion of newborn screening in the facility
9. Prepare an Advocacy and Promotional Plan.

If you have any questions and clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us through our e-mail address: info@newbornscreening.ph. The facility is encouraged to explore the newborn screening website for more information.

All inquiries for training will be forwarded to the respective DOH-ROs. Conduct of training and orientation is a prerogative of the DOH-RO.

For more guidance about the systematic implementation of NBS in your Institution, you may refer to the FAQs for NSF Coordinators or the Facilitator's Guidebook: Newborn Screening in the Communities.

Other [resources](#) on newborn screening are also now available for downloads.