

Step 1: Initial Application

What is [PATH](#)?

PATH is the acronym for “**Product Application Tracking and History**”. It’s a portal used by vendors to submit product information and for correspondence regarding their product evaluation.

Where can I find instructions for using PATH?

Go to the [Product Evaluation Page](#) and then click on the quick link titled “**ISA & PATH Transaction Step-by-Step Guides**”.

Which Product Types Does the Traffic Engineering Research Lab evaluate?

Product types are listed in **Section PCH-04** of the [Product Certification Handbook](#).

How do I get my product listed on the Approved Product List (APL)?

The process is described under the “**Granting Certification**” heading in **Section PCH-03** of the [Product Certification Handbook](#) for first time listing. For additional products, the process is described under the “**Extending Certification**” heading in the same section.

How long does it take to get a product approved?

The time frame varies. If non-conformances are found against product specifications, it depends on how long it takes vendors to correct them. The Traffic Engineering Research Lab (TERL) response times for each of the three steps can be found on the [APL Approval Process Page](#).

How much does it cost to have my product listed on the APL?

There is no fee for evaluation services but there are costs associated with other activities, as described under the “**Fees**” heading in **Section PCH-09** of the [Product Certification Handbook](#).

How will I know when my product is listed on the APL?

You will receive an automated e-mail via the **Product Application Tracking and History (PATH)** portal.

My product is of high quality, and I never get customer complaints. Why does it have to be evaluated?

The purpose of a product evaluation by the TERL is to independently verify products conform to the [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#) and [Standard Specifications](#). Official traffic control signals or devices shall conform with specifications published by the Florida Department of Transportation per [Section 316.0745, Florida Statutes](#).