

INAB List of Proficiency Testing Providers

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It is the policy of the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) that all accredited laboratories (and inspection bodies where appropriate) participate in proficiency testing / inter-laboratory comparisons where such schemes are available and relevant to their scope of accreditation.

INAB accepts all proficiency testing / inter-laboratory comparisons recognised by the signatories to the EA and ILAC Multilateral Agreements. Laboratories / inspection bodies may refer to the EPTIS database for availability of proficiency testing schemes. EPTIS is the European Proficiency Testing Information System which is supported by the following organisations: European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA); Focus for Analytical Chemistry in Europe (Eurachem); European Federation of National Laboratory Associations (Eurolab); The Inter American Accreditation Co-operation (IAAC); the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC); the European Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM). This website is sponsored by the European Commission and may be accessed using the following link: <http://www.eptis.bam.de/>

In addition the following list contains details of PT schemes that have been used and found appropriate by INAB accredited organisations and accepted by INAB assessors in fulfilling the requirements of accreditation.

The list has been produced to assist organisations in meeting their responsibilities to identify a suitable scheme for their particular range of tests.

There is no obligation to use these particular schemes and organisations are free to use appropriate alternative schemes which meet the requirements of their accreditation.

<p>Aquacheck Ltd, Europa Business Park, Bury, Greater Manchester, BL9 5BT UK</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for: waters; sludge; soils; and sediments etc</p>
<p>Central Science Laboratory, Sand Hutton, York, North Yorkshire, YO41 1LZ UK.</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for FAPAS & FEPAS including: packaging materials; foods; drinks; and animal feeds etc</p>
<p>Food Safety Microbiological Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, 61 Colindale Ave London NW9 5HT UK</p>	<p>Health Protection Agency, Food & Environment, Proficiency Testing Unit.</p> <p>Accredited by UKAS as a PT provider for: shellfish; dairy; non-pathogen; vibro; and <i>Staph aureus</i> enterotoxins schemes.</p> <p>UK NEQAS for: clinical microbiology; toxicology; chemistry; hematology; urine chemistry.</p>
<p>Equal Scheme for Indicator Organisms, Newcastle Laboratory, Institute of Pathology, General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6BE UK</p>	<p>Health Protection Agency Waters EQA - microbiological testing</p> <p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for waters Includes simulated potable and surface waters</p>
<p>LGC Ltd Queens Road Teddington Middlesex TW11 0LT UK</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for: BAPS -beer; DAPS - spirits; SODAS - soft drinks; CONTEST - soils; QUARTZ - blood; CRYPTS - waters; LGC-PC1 - sugars; and PHARMASSURE - pharmaceuticals</p>
<p>Quality Management 63 Hornby Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 5BW UK</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for microbiological testing such as: skimmed milk powers; oatmeal; chocolate products; dairy products; beverages; meats; simulated waters; environmental products; and gelatine hydrolysate etc</p>

<p>RIQAS Site 4, 44 Largy Road, Crumlin Co Antrim BT29 4RN Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for human body fluids: clinical chemistry; therapeutic drugs; specific protein; immunoassay; urine; cardiac; lipid; and haematology etc.</p>
<p>The Forensic Science Service, Priory House, Gooch Street North, Birmingham, B5 6QQ UK</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for human body fluids including: bloods; body tissue; buccal swabs; hair; saliva; semen; and cellular material etc</p>
<p>Veterinary Laboratory Agency, College Road, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 5RB UK</p>	<p>Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for animal tissues and body fluids including: hematology; clinical chemistry; microbiology; parasitology; histopathology; serology; transmissible spongiform; and genotyping (scrapie) etc</p>
<p>The Department of Agriculture & Food Central Veterinary Research Laboratory, Abbotstown, Castleknock Dublin 15</p>	<p>PT scheme for the Microbiological testing of foods</p>
<p>Don Whitley Scientific Ltd, Otley Road GB BN17 7ES, Shipley, UK</p>	<p>Available on EPTIS database, microbiological testing PT scheme, for quality counts in agriculture, drugs, food and drink, medical devices.</p>
<p>CHEK P O Box 465 NL9700 AL Groningen, Netherlands.</p>	<p>Available on EPTIS database, chemical testing PT scheme, for areas in food and drink.</p>
<p>The Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Headquarters, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford.</p>	<p>PT scheme for the chemical testing of waters</p>

International Fish, Seafood and Production Division Canadian Food Inspection Agency	Biogenic amines in fish.
Horseracing Forensic Laboratory Ltd, Newmarket Road, Fordham, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 7AU, UK	International interlaboratory testing programme for equine drug screening laboratories.
International Fishmeal and Fish Oil Organisation 2 College yard, Lower Dagnall street, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, AL3 4 PA, UK	International PT scheme for biogenic amines in fish
State Laboratory Young's Cross Celbridge Co. Kildare Ireland	Operates LEAF (Laboratories Engaged in the Analysis of Foodstuffs) PT scheme for proximate analysis
European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM), 226 Avenue de Colmar, BP 907-F-67029, Strasburg, France.	Official Medical Control Laboratories (OMCL) PT schemes Physical-chemical, pharmaceutical and biological testing of drugs
Campden & Chorleywood Food Research Association, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6LD, UK.	International scheme for FOBS (Foreign Body Analysis) Identification of foreign object/body in foodstuffs
American Oil Chemists' Association, PO Box 3489, Champaign, IL 61826-3489, USA	AOCS Laboratory Proficiency Program (LPP) (formerly Smalley) International PT schemes for proximate analysis, trace metals, acrylamide, cholesterol, microscopy, fatty acid profile, Aflatoxin B1, Aflatoxin M1 in oilseeds, oilseed meals, milk, edible oils and fats.
CecaLait, BP 89, 39801 Poligny Cedex, France	International PT scheme for fat, protein, solids, etc in dairy products.

Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Division of Forensic Toxicology and Drug Abuse, P.O. Box 4404, Nydalen, NO-0403 Oslo, Norway	Nordquant PT scheme drugs of abuse in blood.
Lab M Ltd. Topley House, 52 Wash Lane, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 6AU, UK.	Smart QA microbiology PT scheme
National Metrology Laboratory, Enterprise Ireland, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	PT provider for calibration including: mass standards and balances, electrical quantities, frequency, temperature and humidity, length, dimensional quantities, pressure and torque quantities.
United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service, UK NEQAS Office, PO Box 401, Sheffield, S5 7YZ, United Kingdom.	PT provider for clinical testing
Irish External Quality Assessment Scheme (IEQAS), Unit B06, Nutgrove Enterprise Park, Nutgrove Way, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	PT provider for clinical testing
Labquality Ltd., Ratamestarinkatu 11 A, FI-00520, Helsinki, Finland.	PT provider for clinical testing