

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.

Name & Address	PT Scheme
American Oil Chemists' Society, PO Box 17190, Urbana, IL 61802-6996, 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.
Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, VLA Scientific, Vetqas - Quality Assurance Unit, College Road, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough Leicestershire LE12 5RB UK	Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for microbiological testing such as: Bacillus anthracis; Brucella abortus - slides; E.coli 0157; E.coli; Equine microbiology; Mastitis - bovine; Microbiology - farm animals; Mycoplasma gallisepticum & meleagridis culture; Pasteurella multocida toxin detection; Salmonella in animal feed; Salmonella in poultry.
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
CecaLait, BP 70129-39802 Poligny Cedex, France	International PT scheme for fat, protein, solids, etc in dairy products.
Central Science Laboratory, Sand Hutton, York, North Yorkshire, YO41 1LZ UK.	Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for FAPAS & FEPAS including: packaging materials; foods; drinks; and animal feeds etc.
CHEK P O Box 465 Paterswoldeweg, Groningen, 9700 AL, Netherlands.	Available on EPTIS database, chemical testing PT scheme, for areas in food and drink.
Don Whitley Scientific Ltd, Otley Road BD 17 7ES, Shipley, UK	Available on EPTIS database, microbiological testing PT scheme, for quality counts in agriculture, drugs, food and drink, medical devices.
Equal Scheme for Indicator Organisms, Newcastle Laboratory, Institute of Pathology, General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6BE UK	Health Protection Agency Waters EQA - microbiological testing Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for waters Includes simulated potable and surface waters

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European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM), 7 allée Kastner, CS 30026, 67081 Strasbourg, France	Official Medical Control Laboratories (OMCL) PT schemes Physical-chemical, pharmaceutical and biological testing of drugs
Food Safety Microbiological Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, 61 Colindale Ave London NW9 5EQ UK	Health Protection Agency, Food & Environment, Proficiency Testing Unit. Accredited by UKAS as a PT provider for: shellfish; dairy; non-pathogen; vibro; and Staph aureus enterotoxins schemes. UK NEQAS for: clinical microbiology; toxicology; chemistry; hematology; urine chemistry.
Forensic Science Service Ltd., Trident Court, 2920 Solihull Parkway, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham, B37 7YN UK	Accredited by UKAS for human body fluids including: bloods; body tissue; buccal swabs; hair; saliva; semen; and cellular material etc
Horseracing Forensic Laboratory Ltd, Newmarket Road, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5WW, UK	International interlaboratory testing programme for equine drug screening laboratories.
International Fish, Seafood and Production Division Canadian Food Inspection Agency	Biogenic amines in fish.
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
Irish External Quality Assessment Scheme (IEQAS), Unit B06, Nutgrove Enterprise Park, Nutgrove Way, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	PT provider for clinical testing
Lab M Ltd. Topley House, 52 Wash Lane, Bury, Lancashire,	Smart QA microbiology PT scheme

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Labquality Ltd., Ratamestarinkatu 11 A, FI-00520, Helsinki, Finland.	PT provider for clinical testing
LGC Ltd Queens Road Teddington Middlesex TW11 0LT UK LGC Standards Proficiency Testing Europa Business Park Barcroft Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 5BT UK	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 Including the Aquacheck scheme for waters; sludge; soils; and sediments etc.
National Metrology Laboratory, NSAI, 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.
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.
Quality Management 63 Hornby Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 5BW UK	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
RIOAS 55 Diamond Road Crumlin Co. Antrim BT29 4QY Northern Ireland.	Accredited by UKAS as PT provider for human body fluids: clinical chemistry; therapeutic drugs; specific protein; immunoassay; urine; cardiac; lipid; and haematology etc.
State Laboratory Young's Cross Celbridge Co. Kildare Ireland	Operates LEAF (Laboratories Engaged in the Analysis of Feedingstuffs) PT scheme for proximate analysis
The Department of Agriculture & Food Central Veterinary Research Laboratory,	PT scheme for the Microbiological testing of foods

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Abbotstown, Castleknock Dublin 15	
The Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Headquarters, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford.	PT scheme for the chemical testing of waters
The Proficiency Testing Team, Health and Safety Laboratory, Harpour Hill Buxton Derbyshire SK17 9JN UK	PT schemes for Asbestos testing: Asbestos in Materials Scheme (AIMS) Regular Inter-laboratory Counting Exchange (RICE)
United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service, UK NEQAS Office, PO Box 894, Sheffield, S5 7YT, UK.	PT provider for clinical testing
Veterinary Laboratory Agency, College Road, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 5RB UK	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
WEQAS Quality Laboratory Unit 6 Parc Ty Glas Llanishen Cardiff CF14 5DU UK	PT provider for clinical testing