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Laboratory Medicine Proficiency Testing: Available Proficiency Testing Providers

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) maintains a list of available proficiency testing providers that offer programs covering the range of the [DAP reportable measurands](#). The list is intended as a resource for medical laboratories in BC seeking information regarding proficiency testing programs.

Whenever possible, DAP-accredited medical laboratories should use PT providers accredited to ISO/IEC 17043 or approved by CLIA to meet the DAP requirements for participation in proficiency testing for the DAP reportable measurands.

Scope of accreditation can be viewed on the accreditation body or CLIA websites listed here:

- [A2LA](#) – American Association for Laboratory Accreditation
- [CLIA](#) – Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
- [DAkKS](#) – Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle
- [NATA](#) – National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
- [RvA](#) – Dutch Accreditation Council
- [SCC](#) – Standards Council of Canada
- [UKAS](#) – United Kingdom Accreditation Service

This list of available PT providers is by no means comprehensive, but merely includes contact information for proficiency testing programs of which DAP is aware. This list is reviewed annually based on publically available information, PT providers wishing to add or remove information to this list, or laboratories that wish to have a PT provider added to this list, please send an email to ptqc@cpsbc.ca.

Proficiency testing providers	Website	ISO/IEC 17043:2010 – accreditation body	CLIA approved (2018)	Copies accessible to DAP**
American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB)	www.aab-pts.org	No	Yes	Yes
American Proficiency Institute (API)	www.api-pt.com	A2LA*	Yes	Yes
Bio-Rad Laboratories (EQAS)	www.qcnet.com	A2LA	No	Yes

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Centre de Toxicologie du Quebec (CTQ)	www.inspq.qc.ca/ctq	SCC	No	Yes
College of American Pathologists (CAP)	www.cap.org	No	Yes	Yes
Clinical Microbiology Proficiency Testing (CMPT)	www.cmpt.ca	A2LA	No	Yes
External quality Control of diagnostic Assays and Tests (ECAT)	www.ecat.nl	RvA	No	No
Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare (IQMH)	www.iqmh.org	A2LA	No	Yes
LGC Limited (LGC)	www.lgcgroup.com	UKAS	No	No
National Serology Reference Laboratory, Australia (NRL)	www.nrlquality.org.au	NATA	No	No
Oneworld Accuracy Inc. (OWA)	www.oneworldaccuracy.com	A2LA	No	Yes
Quality Control for Molecular Diagnostics (QCMD)	www.qcmd.org	UKAS	No	No
Randox Laboratories (RIQAS)	www.randox.com	UKAS	No	Yes
The Reference Institute for Bioanalytics (RfB)	www.rfb.bio	DAkKS	No	No
United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service (UK NEQAS) – Birmingham Quality	www.birminghamquality.org.uk	UKAS	No	No
United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service (UK NEQAS) for Immunocytochemistry (ICC) and In-situ hybridization (ISH)	www.uknegasiccish.org	UKAS	No	No
Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH)	www.slh.wisc.edu	No	Yes	Yes
WEQAS	www.weqas.com	UKAS	No	No

*Scope does not include programs suitable to clinical medical laboratories.

**Laboratories must notify the PT provider to release copies of the laboratory PT reports to the DAP.

The DAP recognizes accredited or CLIA approved PT providers may not be available for all [DAP reportable measurands](#). Therefore, if there are no accredited or CLIA approved alternatives available the non-accredited providers listed below may offer relevant programs superior to the development of in-house alternate assessment procedures.

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Canadian External Quality Assessment Laboratory (CEQAL)	www.cegal.com	No	No	Yes
Canadian Immunohistochemistry Quality Control (ciQC)	www.ciqc.ca	No	No	Yes
Nordic Immunohistochemistry Quality Control (NordiQC)	www.nordiqc.org	No	No	No
Vitamin D External Quality Assessment Scheme (DEQAS)	www.deqas.org	No	No	Yes

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The [DAP Laboratory Medicine Proficiency Testing Manual](#) includes more information on the many factors to consider when selecting a PT Provider and program.