

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.

This list of available PT providers is by no means comprehensive, and merely includes contact information for proficiency testing programs of which the DAP is aware. This list is reviewed regularly based on publicly 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 email ptqc@cpsbc.ca.

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

Accredited providers

Whenever possible, 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
- [ANAB](#) - ANSI National Accreditation Board
- [CLIA](#) - Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments
- [DAkks](#) - Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle
- [FINAS](#) - Finnish Accreditation Service
- [NATA](#) - National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
- [RvA](#) - Dutch Accreditation Council
- [SCC](#) - Standards Council of Canada
- [UKAS](#) - United Kingdom Accreditation Service

Non-accredited providers

The DAP recognizes PT providers accredited to ISO/IEC 17043 or approved by CLIA 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.

Proficiency testing providers	Website	ISO/IEC 17043:2010	CLIA approved	Copies accessible to DAP ¹
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
Canadian Biomarker Quality Assurance (CBQA-PCAB)	www.cbqa.ca	No	No	No
CBQA / CAP-ACP Proficiency Testing (CBQAreadout.ca)	cbqareadout.ca	No	No	No
CDC - Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program	www.cdc.gov/labstandards/nsqap	A2LA	No	No
Centre de Toxicologie du Quebec (CTQ)	www.inspq.qc.ca/ctq	SCC	No	Yes
Canadian External Quality Assessment Laboratory (CEQAL)	www.ceqal.com	No	No	Yes
Canadian Pathology Quality Assurance (CPQA-AQCP)	www.cpqa.ca	No	No	Yes
College of American Pathologists (CAP)	www.cap.org	ANAB	Yes	Yes
Clinical Microbiology Proficiency Testing (CMPT)	www.cmpt.ca	A2LA	No	Yes

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EMQN (<i>molecular genetics schemes</i>)	www.emqn.org	UKAS	No	No
External quality Control of diagnostic Assays and Tests (ECAT)	www.ecat.nl	RvA	No	No
INSTAND	www.instand-ev.de	DAkkS	No	No
Institute for Quality Management in Healthcare (IQMH)	www.iqmh.org	A2LA	No	Yes
LABQUALITY	www.labquality.fi	FINAS	No	No
LGC AXIO PT	www.lgcstandards.com	UKAS A2LA	No	No
National Serology Reference Laboratory, Australia (NRL)	www.nrlquality.org.au	NATA	No	No
Nordic Immunohistochemistry Quality Control (NordiQC)	www.nordiqc.org	No	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
UK NEQAS - Birmingham Quality	www.birminghamquality.org.uk	UKAS	No	No

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UK NEQAS - Blood Coagulation	www.neqascoag.org	UKAS	No	No
UK NEQAS - Cellular Pathology Technique	www.ukneqascpt.org	UKAS	No	No
UK NEQAS - Immunocytochemistry (ICC) and In-situ hybridization (ISH)	www.ukneqasiccish.org	UKAS	No	No
UK NEQAS - Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy	www.immqas.org.uk	UKAS	No	No
UK NEQAS - Leukocyte Immunophenotyping	www.ukneqasli.co.uk	UKAS	No	No
UK NEQAS - Microbiology	https://ukneqasmicro.org.uk/schemes/	UKAS	No	No
Vitamin D External Quality Assessment Scheme (DEQAS)	www.deqas.org	No	No	Yes
WSLH Proficiency Testing	https://wslhpt.org/	No	Yes	Yes
WEQAS	www.weqas.com	UKAS	No	No

¹ Laboratories must notify the PT provider to release copies of the laboratory PT reports to the DAP.