

Quality Assurance Unit

Proficiency Testing / External Quality Assessment (PT/EQA) Schemes

Prices and Timetable

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Testing Schemes		Timetable				
	Test Method (Currently in use)	Annual Price	No. of samples	Delivery	Distribution months	Week
Antibody Detection						
PT0001	African Horse Sickness (AHS)	ELISA - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0137	African Swine Fever (ASF)	ELISA - serum	5	A	Apr,Sep	3
PT0003	Aujeszky's disease	ELISA / SNT - serum / fluid	5	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	2
PT0005	Avian Influenza (AI)	AGIDT / HAIT - serum	5	B	May,Nov	4
PT0142	Avian Leukosis Antigen	ELISA - serum	5	C	Aug,Feb	2
PT0144	Avian Pneumovirus (APV)	ELISA - serum	5	A	May,Oct	3
PT0145	Avian Reticuloendotheliosis (REV)	ELISA - serum	5	A	Jun,Jan	2
PT0007	<i>Babesia caballi</i>	IFAT / ELISA / CFT - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0009	Big Liver & Spleen disease (BLS)	AGIDT - serum	5	A	Aug,Feb	3
PT0138	Bluetongue Virus (BTV)	ELISA - serum	5	A	Sep,Mar	3
PT0011	Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD)	ELISA - milk	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	4
PT0012		ELISA / SNT - serum	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	3
PT0015	<i>Brucella abortus</i>	CFT & SAT - serum	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	3
PT0016		ELISA - serum	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	4
PT0018		ELISA - milk	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	4
PT0019		Milk Ring test - milk	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	2
PT0020		Rose Bengal test - serum	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	2
PT0022	<i>Brucella canis</i>	SAT / RSA - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0035	Chlamydomphila	CFT / ELISA - serum	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	3
PT0128	Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP)	cELISA / CFT / IBT - serum	5	A	Aug,Feb	2
PT0036	Classical Swine Fever (CSF)	ELISA / SNT - serum	5	A	Sep,Mar	2
PT0041	Egg Drop Syndrome (EDS)	HAIT - serum	5	A	Apr,Oct	2
PT0044	Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL)	ELISA - milk	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	4
PT0045		ELISA / AGIDT - serum	5	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	3
PT0046	Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)	AGIDT - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0047	Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)	SNT - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0139	Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) - Eurasian Strains	ELISA / VNT - serum	5	A	Sep,Mar	3
PT0065	Gamma interferon (Bovine TB)	ELISA - simulated sera	4	D	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	1
PT0049	Glanders	CFT - serum	5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0051*	<i>Hypoderma bovis</i> (Warble fly)	Titration / cELISA - serum	5	A	Aug,Feb	2
PT0054	IBR / PI3 / RSV	ELISA - serum	4	A	Nov,Mar	3
PT0052	Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)	ELISA - milk	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	3
PT0053		ELISA / SNT - serum	6	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	2
PT0055	Infectious Bronchitis Virus (IBV) avian	HAIT - serum	5	A	Sep,Mar	4
PT0056	Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD) Gumboro	AGIDT - serum	5	A	Jun,Jan	3
PT0058*	<i>Leptospira hardjo bovis</i>	MAT / ELISA - serum	5	A	Jun,Dec	4
PT0057*	<i>Leptospira hardjo</i>	ELISA - milk	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	2
PT0059	Maedi visna / CAEV	AGIDT / ELISA - serum	5	A	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	3
PT0068	<i>Mycobacterium paratuberculosis</i> - Bovine	ELISA - serum	5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	4
PT0120	<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> - Chicken	RSA / ELISA - serum	6	A	May	2
PT0122	<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> & <i>meleagridis</i> - Turkey	RSA / ELISA - serum	6	A	May	2
PT0072	<i>Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae</i>	ELISA - serum	5	A	Apr,Oct	4
PT0155	<i>Neospora caninum</i>	ELISA / IFAT - serum	5	A	Jun,Nov	3
PT0076	Porcine Parvovirus (PPV)	ELISA / HAIT - serum	5	A	Aug,Dec,Mar	3

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PT0077	Porcine Reproductive & Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)	ELISA / IPMA - serum		5	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	2
PT0083	Salmonella meat juice	ELISA - serum		5	A	Aug,Feb	2
PT0106	<i>Theileria (Babesia) equi</i>	IFAT / CFT / ELISA - serum		5	A	May,Nov	1
PT0110	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	LAT / IFAT - serum		4	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	4
PT0112	<i>Trypanosoma equiperdum</i> (Dourine)	IFAT / CFT - serum		5	A	May,Nov	1
Haematology							
PT0050	Haematology - Ruminant blood	Blood cell counts		1	A	Monthly	1
Clinical Chemistry							
PT0107	Tissue - copper	Tissue biochemistry		3	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Feb	2
PT0108	Tissue - lead	Tissue biochemistry		3	A	Jul,Nov,Jan,Mar	2
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy							
PT0124†	BSE Rapid Tissue Test	Rapid BSE tests - brain		5	B	Apr,Oct	4
PT0135	PrP Immunohistochemistry Technical	Histopathology - brain sections		5	N/A	Variable	4
PT0094	Scrapie blood genotyping	Genotyping - blood		5	C	Aug,Feb	4
PT0125†	Scrapie Rapid Tissue Test	Rapid Scrapie tests - brain		5	B	Apr,Oct	4
Virology							
PT0010	Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) virus	AgELISA / PCR - blood		5	A	Jun,Dec	2
PT0031*	IBR / PI3 / RSV	Fluorescent antibody tests		9	B	Jun,Oct,Feb	3
PT0136*	Koi Herpes Virus (KHV)	PCR		5	C	Apr,Oct	4
Parasitology							
PT0111	<i>Trichinella spiralis</i>	Enumeration in post digestion filtrate		4	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	4
PT0114	Worm / Fluke egg	WEC / FEC - faeces		3	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	2
Feed Tests							
PT0063	Bone in animal feed	Microscopic examination		4	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	2
PT0080	Protein in animal feed	PCR		5	A	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	1
Microbiology							
PT0163*	Acid alcohol-fast Bacilli (AAFB)	Stain & ID		3	A	Jul,Nov	4
PT0002	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	Microscopic examination of blood		4	A	May,Sep,Jan	4
PT0008	Bacterial diseases in cold water fish	Isolation & ID of fish pathogens		3	C	Jul,Nov,Mar	1
PT0025	<i>Brucella abortus</i> - slides	Stain & ID		5	A	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	4
PT0165*	<i>Campylobacter species</i>	Isolation & ID		5	C	Apr,Oct	1
PT0164*	Composting of animal by-products	Isolation / enumeration		10	C	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	4
PT0039	<i>E.coli</i> 0157	Isolation & ID from clinical samples		4	C	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	1
PT0040	<i>E.coli</i>	Serotyping		4	C	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	2
PT0134	Equine microbiology	Isolation & ID of equine pathogens		3	C	Jun,Sep,Dec,Mar	1
PT0153*	Leptospira in kidney	PCR		5	A	Jul,Feb	4
PT0060	Mastitis - bovine	Isolation & ID of milk pathogens		3	C	Apr,Sep	1
PT0061	Microbiology - farm animals	Isolation & ID of animal pathogens		3	C	Monthly	1
PT0127	<i>Mycobacterium avian subsp. paratuberculosis</i> (Johnes)	Culture - faeces		5	C	Aug,Feb	1
PT0154		PCR - faeces		5	C	Jul,Jan	1
PT0121	<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum & meleagridis</i> culture	Isolation & ID		4	C	May	2
PT0126	<i>Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae</i>	Culture		5	C	Sep,Mar	1
PT0150	<i>Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae</i>	PCR		5	B	June,Dec	1
PT0074	<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> toxin detection	Culture & ELISA / PCR		4	C	May,Sep,Jan	3
PT0087	Salmonella in animal feed	Isolation & ID		5	C	Apr,Jul,Oct,Jan	1
PT0088	Salmonella in poultry	Isolation & ID		5	C	May,Aug,Nov,Feb	1

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* New or updated PT Schemes

† VLA is the EU Community Reference Laboratory for TSEs. The schemes on this price list are separate from, and do not replace, those run by the Community Reference Laboratory (as part of their mandated work programme) for participation by the National Reference Laboratories within the EU.

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PT0084	Salmonella serotyping	Serotyping		5	C	May, Aug, Nov, Feb	3
PT0140*	Small animal microbiology	Isolation & ID of small animal pathogens		3	C	Apr, Aug, Oct, Feb	3
PT0026	Staphylococci - including MRSA	Culture & ID - sim. clinical specimen		7	C	Sep, Mar	1
	Non UK laboratories						
PT0102	<i>Taylorella equigenitalis</i> only	Isolation & ID		5	C	Jun, Jan	1
PT0104	Taylorella / Klebsiella / Pseudomonas	Isolation & ID		9	C	Jun, Jan	1
Histopathology							
PT0166*	Cellular Pathology Technique (CPT)	Staining technique		4	C	Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb	1
PT0167*	Immunohistochemistry (IHC)	Staining technique		4	C	Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb	1

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Note:

All distributions scheduled for December will be issued week 1 or 2. The exact dates will be announced on the PT Homepage. All distributions scheduled for week 1 in January will depend on the day that New Years Bank Holiday (Jan 1st) falls.

Price quoted is for one years provision of specimens, unless otherwise stated. Prices are exclusive of VAT and operational from 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

The cost of delivery to a UK address is included in the scheme price with the exception of schemes requiring Dry-Ice delivery - price on application.

For overseas customers:

A = Airmail delivery: Cost is included in the scheme price. We cannot guarantee a delivery date and parcels cannot be tracked. Customers can opt to use courier delivery instead if there are known delays with airmail delivery due to their location.

C = Courier delivery: £40.00 to EU countries; £54.00 to non-EU countries. Where possible we will pay any local customs taxes/duties that may be charged.

B = Courier delivery using a Biofreeze Bottle: £70.00 to EU countries; £80.00 to non-EU countries.

D = Courier delivery using dry-ice: Varies according to destination - price on application.

All delivery prices are per parcel.

Repeat samples are available on request subject to availability. Repeat specimens will not be available for some TSE tests where sample material is in short supply. Wherever possible, samples sent by courier will be included in your next scheduled parcel. Where this is not practical you will be sent an invoice to cover the cost of any extra courier charges incurred.

If you would like to join any of the PT/EQA schemes or require more details please contact:

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