

# PROFICIENCY TESTING (PT)

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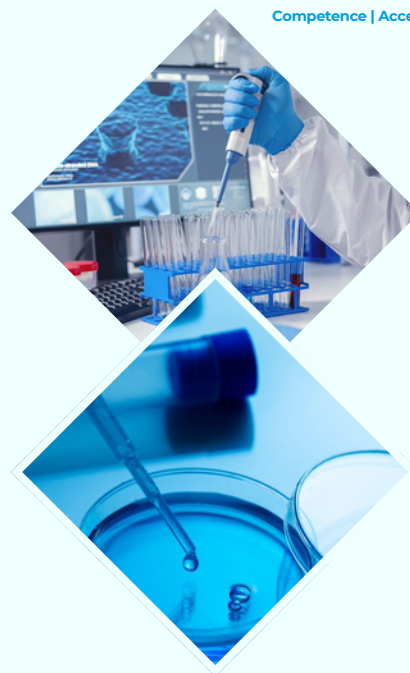
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# PROFICIENCY TESTING

Proficiency testing determines the performance of individual laboratories as per established criteria for specific tests or measurements and is used to monitor laboratory's continuing performance and evaluate competence.



## PT PROVIDER ACCREDITATION

The **ISO/IEC 17043:2023 “Conformity assessment - General requirements for the competence of proficiency testing providers”** is the standard for the conformity assessment of Proficiency Testing Providers and is used widely in the Asia Pacific region. Accreditation bodies under the APAC MRA grant accreditation per ISO/IEC 17043, enabling accredited laboratories to use different PT providers in a region or globally.



# ADVANTAGES OF PROFICIENCY TESTING

## Comparing Results

PT enables participants to compare their performance with their peers across the world, as well as within thereby supporting in harmonized implementation of processes.

## Competence Assessment

Supports laboratories to judge the competence supporting in reproducing data and ensuring elimination of errors.

## Customer Confidence

Good results build reputation and building confidence with the customer.

## Managing Risks

PT supports in root cause analysis providing warning signs, and enabling rapid resolution of problems.

## Supporting Reference Materials

Proficiency Testing is used as a methodology to support information values for reference materials. PT items are reference materials for quality control.

## Verifying methods and Equipment Calibration

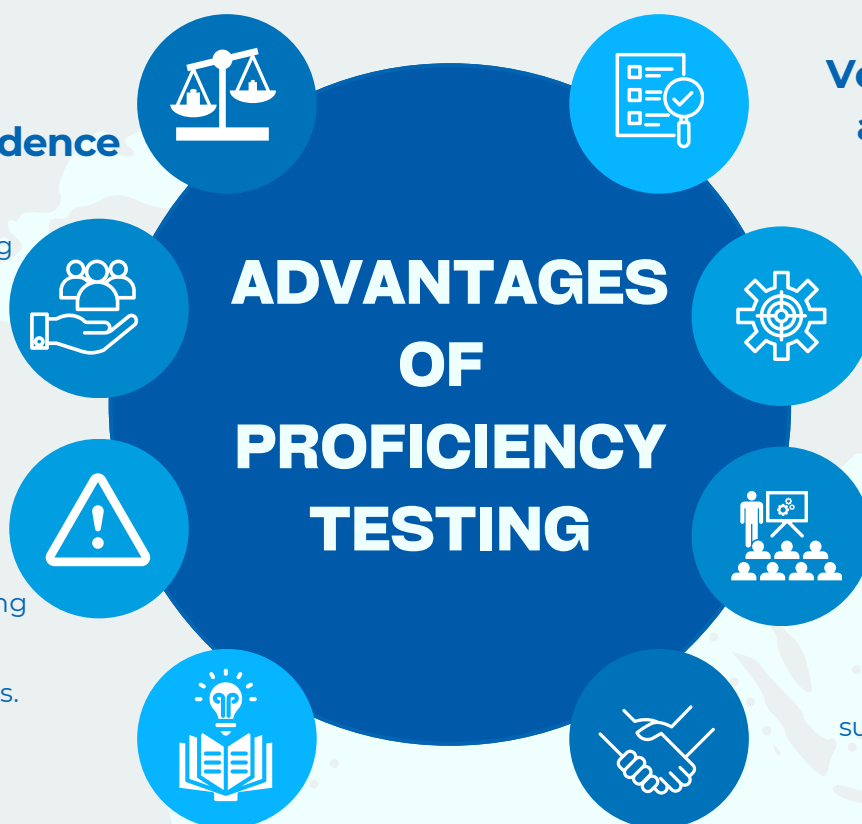
Verifying the measurement processes - including methods, sample handling, equipment, and calibration.

## Training & Harmonisation

Results of PT schemes support in educating the laboratory staff. This supports in harmonising the practices with the laboratory.

## Instilling Trust

PT programme and industry can have trust if the programme participation has been adequate.



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Full members of APAC have Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for Accreditation of Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP) in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043:2023.



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