



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS
IN 2019 AND 2020**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the tentative schedule for official OPCW proficiency tests in both 2019 and 2020.
2. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) organises two different official proficiency tests—one for environmental samples (PT) and the other for biomedical samples (BioPT). These two programmes are separate, and laboratories are welcome to participate in one or both of them.
3. Both proficiency testing programmes may be conducted with the assistance of designated laboratories. The tables that follow indicate the laboratories and Member States that have volunteered to assist the Secretariat with the proficiency tests. If the “Assisting Laboratory” column is blank, the Secretariat would welcome designated laboratories to volunteer.
4. Prior to each proficiency test, the Secretariat will issue an official Note announcing the test with instructions on how to participate. For further information regarding these tests please contact the Secretariat by email (proficiency@opcw.org).
5. The tentative test schedule and the laboratories that will be assisting are listed in the following two tables attached in annex.

Annex:

Tentative Schedule and the Laboratories That Will Be Assisting in the Official OPCW Proficiency and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2019 and 2020



Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN OFFICIAL
OPCW PROFICIENCY AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2019 AND 2020**

TABLE 1: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS

Proficiency Test (PT)	Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation	Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation	Sample Dispatch Date	Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results
Forty-Fifth (PT-45)	Bundeswehr Research Institute for Protective Technologies and NBC Protection (WIS) Munster, Germany	Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LA VEMA) INTA Campus La Marañosa, Spain	22 March 2019	18 June 2019
Forty-Sixth (PT-46)	TNO Defence, Security and Safety, Rijswijk, Netherlands	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Chemical and Biological Systems, Porton Down, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18 October 2019	12 February 2020
Forty-Seventh (PT-47)		Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Forensic Analytical Center Maryland, United States of America	17 April 2020	23 June 2020
Forty-Eighth (PT-48)		Laboratory of Toxicant Analysis, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Academy of Military Medical Sciences, Beijing, China	16 October 2020	17 February 2021

TABLE 2: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS

Biomedical Proficiency Test (BioPT)	Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation	Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation	Sample Dispatch Date	Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results
Fourth (BioPT-4)	OPCW Laboratory, Rijswijk, Netherlands	Vertex-Biochemistry Division, Defence Research & Development Establishment, Gwalior, India	15 February 2019	19 June 2019
Fifth (BioPT-5)		DGA Maîtrise NRBC, Analytical Chemistry Department, Vert Le Petit, France	21 February 2020	24 June 2020

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