



---

S/1817/2019  
19 December 2019  
ENGLISH only

**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS  
IN 2020 AND 2021**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the tentative schedule for official OPCW proficiency tests in both 2020 and 2021.
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](mailto:proficiency@opcw.org)).
5. The tentative test schedule and the laboratories that will be assisting are listed in the following two tables attached in the annex.

Annex:

Tentative Schedule and the Laboratories That Will Be Assisting in the Official OPCW Proficiency and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2020 and 2021



## Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN OFFICIAL  
OPCW PROFICIENCY AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2020 AND 2021**

**TABLE 1: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Proficiency Test (PT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results</b>
Forty-Seventh (PT-47)	FOI, CBRN Defence and Security, Swedish Defence Research Agency, Sweden	Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) Chemical Biological Center-Forensic Analytical Laboratory, United States of America	24 April 2020	14 July 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
Forty-Ninth (PT-49)	Verification Laboratory, Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories, Singapore	VERIFIN, Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Finland	16 April 2021	29 June 2021
Fiftieth (PT-50)	-	DGA Maîtrise NRBC, Analytical Chemistry Department, France	22 October 2021	15 February 2022

**TABLE 2: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Biomedical Proficiency Test (BioPT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results</b>
Fifth (BioPT-5)	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, United States of America	DGA Maîtrise NRBC, Analytical Chemistry Department, Vert Le Petit, France	21 February 2020	15 July 2020
Sixth (BioPT-6)	-	-	26 February 2021	30 June 2021

-----0-----