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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS
IN 2026 AND 2027**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform States Parties of the tentative schedule for Official OPCW Proficiency Tests both in 2026 and 2027.
2. The OPCW Technical Secretariat (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.
3. Both proficiency testing programmes may be conducted with the assistance of designated laboratories. The tables in the Annex hereto indicate the laboratories and States Parties 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 the Annex.

Annex:

Tentative Schedule and the Laboratories That Will Be Assisting in the Official OPCW Proficiency Tests and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2026 and 2027



Annex

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN
THE OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2026 AND 2027

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 Results
Fifty-Eighth (PT-58)	Chemical Analysis Laboratory, 5th Directorate, 3rd R&D Institute, Agency for Defense Development (ADD), Republic of Korea	Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LAVEMA), Spain	24 October 2025	10 February 2026
Fifty-Ninth (PT-59)	Defensielaboratoria – Laboratoires de la Défense (DLD), Belgium	Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Research Institute of Chemical Defence, China	17 April 2026	14 July 2026
Sixtieth (PT-60)	Analytical laboratory for CBRNE-substances, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI), Norway	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Forensic Science Center, United States of America	16 October 2026	9 February 2027
Sixty-First (PT-61)	–	–	16 April 2027	13 July 2027
Sixty-Second (PT-62)	–	Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN), Finland	15 October 2027	8 February 2028

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 Results
Eleventh (BioPT-11)	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Laboratory of Toxicant Analysis, Academy of Military Medical Sciences, China	27 February 2026	15 July 2026
Twelfth (BioPT-12)	–	–	26 February 2027	14 July 2027

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