



NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW
PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2018 AND 2019**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the tentative schedule for official OPCW proficiency tests in both 2018 and 2019.
2. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) organises two different 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 test. 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 Official OPCW Proficiency and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2018 and 2019



Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN OFFICIAL
OPCW PROFICIENCY AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2018 AND 2019**

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-Third (PT-43)	OPCW Laboratory Rijswijk, the Netherlands	Defense Chemical Research Laboratory Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13 April 2018	19 June 2018
Forty-Fourth (PT-44)	CBR Directorate Agency for Defense Development Republic of Korea	Forensic Center Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory United States of America	19 October 2018	13 February 2019
Forty-Fifth (PT-45)		Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LAVEMA) INTA Campus La Marañosa, Spain	29 March 2019	18 June 2019
Forty-Sixth (PT-46)			18 October 2019	11 February 2020

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
Third (BioPT-3)	OPCW Laboratory Rijswijk, the Netherlands	US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Environmental Health United States of America	23 February 2018	20 June 2018
Fourth (BioPT-4)		Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE) Vertox Laboratory India	15 February 2019	19 June 2019

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