



Specific Accreditation Guidance

Scope of accreditation - service descriptors for animal health

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This document lists the descriptors for services currently able to be accredited for animal health.

In addition to referencing ISO/IEC 17025, Animal Health and the applicable Services listed below, scopes of accreditation will also include the material/item/product tested, the determination, the technique used, and the procedure adopted. Scopes of accreditation will also include the range/limitation, when required, however this information will not be made public and is only available to the accredited facility.

For those Services indicated with an asterisk in the table below, the generic animal grouping(s) for which the method has been validated will additionally be included in the scope of accreditation. If the method has only been validated for specific species within an animal grouping, the listing will be limited to these.

The current groupings include:

- aquatic animals;
- avian species;
- bees/apiculture;
- companion animals (e.g. canine, feline);
- equine species;
- laboratory animals;
- production animals (e.g. caprine);
- production avian species;
- wildlife;
- zoo animals.

The list below will be updated as new services are accredited.

| Services |
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| Accreditation is held to establish new branch sites |
| Analysis for agricultural chemical residues |
| *Analysis for drugs and chemicals for toxicological (non legal) purposes |
| Analysis for elements |
| Analysis for trace elements |
| Analysis for transmissible animal diseases under the European Union Directives for Animal Health |
| Analysis of calculus |
| Analysis of excreta |
| Analysis of non-clinical samples for microorganisms |

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| Analysis of non-clinical samples for residues and contaminants |
| Analysis of non clinical samples for restricted animal material |
| Antibiotic sensitivity (susceptibility) testing |
| Blood grouping |
| Bone marrow examination |
| *Chemical pathology - Investigation and determination of hepatic, cardiac, bone, skeletal muscle and other profiles and metabolic studies |
| Cytopathology investigations |
| *Detection and identification of bacteria |
| *Detection and identification of fungi and moulds |
| Detection and identification of molluscs |
| *Detection and identification of other microorganisms |
| *Detection and identification of parasites and arthropods |
| *Detection and identification of viruses |
| *Detection and quantitation of drugs for therapeutic monitoring |
| *Determination of compatibility of blood donor units |
| *Determination of hormones and hormone binding proteins |
| *Diagnosis of pregnancy |
| Examination of biopsy material |
| *Haemostasis / coagulation related testing |
| *Haematology - Full blood examination |
| Immediate frozen section diagnosis |
| *Immunoglobulin investigations |
| *Immunohistochemistry investigation |
| Inherited traits |
| Investigation of haemolysis/immunology |

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| Legal management - Forensic Operations Module |
| *Microbiology - Serology of infection - Microbial antibody and/or antigen detection and/or quantitation |
| Molecular analysis - Bioinformatic analysis and interpretation |
| Molecular analysis - Extraction |
| Molecular analysis - Sequencing |
| Necropsy services |
| *Quantitation of vitamins |
| *Sample collection |

Amendment table

The table below provides a summary of changes made to the document with this issue.

| Amendment |
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| Updated to clarify scope information included but not made publicly available. |