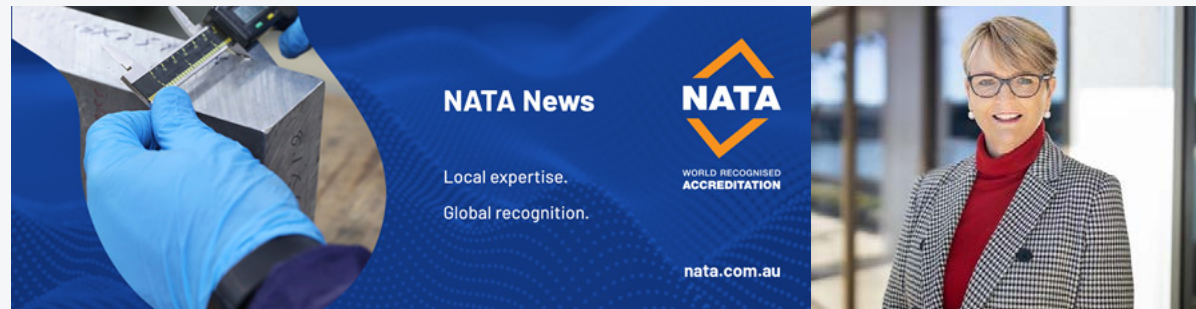


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## NATA's new three-year Strategic Plan

I hope everyone is staying safe, complying with the health advice and coping with the constant changes resulting from COVID-19 that continue to impact our home and work environments.

We are also continuing to adapt and change at NATA, including commencing our program of initiatives that will reshape the business as part of our new 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

The new three-year Strategic Plan, that has been endorsed by the NATA Board, includes several objectives and programs of work that will ensure our position as the leading provider of accreditation services while better serving our clients and stakeholders of today and into the future.

One is a customer facing initiative that will see the establishment of Accreditation Specialist, Lead Accreditation Specialist and Principal Accreditation Specialist roles in our Accreditation Teams. NATA believes these changes will deliver better accreditation services and client management for our members.

Another strategic project is to lift NATA's visibility and messaging. The new NATA website, which I mentioned in our last Newsletter, is part of this plan and I'm delighted to say that the website is now live. We encourage you to visit [www.nata.com.au](http://www.nata.com.au) and experience the improved features which we will be continuing to improve over time.

The Federal Health Department has also recently announced, that from July 1, accreditation functions for pathology and diagnostic imaging sectors will fall under the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

NATA has welcomed this announcement and is looking forward to an open and collaborative working relationship with The Commission on future opportunities that better support safety and quality across this important portfolio.

Finally, a reminder to all member organisations that nominations for candidates to join the NATA Board closed on August 3. We look forward to welcoming our newly elected or re-elected Board members whose terms will commence at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in October.

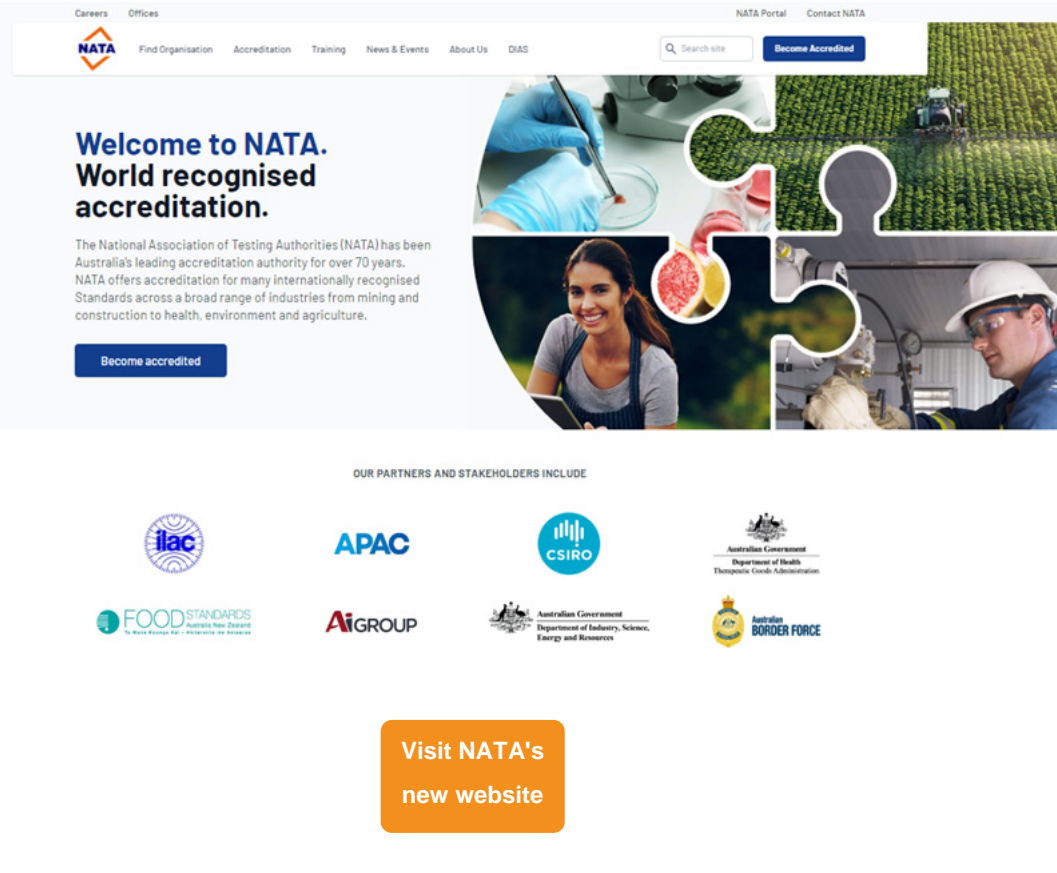
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**New NATA website launched**



We officially launched our re-designed NATA website [nata.com.au](https://nata.com.au) last week, a key tool for our members, our stakeholders, our staff and the general public with a new contemporary look, easily accessible and intuitive design, and improved functionality while also being mobile compatible.

Importantly we have vastly improved the search functionality on the website making it easier than ever before to search for a specific accredited organisation, type of test or a scientific activity.

NATA's accreditation services provide assurance for the products and services we use every day. This includes essential COVID-19 testing in our more

Be sure to check out these new features:

- Understand the benefits of accreditation
- Learn why being a NATA accredited organisation is good for your business
- Look up details on specific international standards
- Search for a specific type of test or scientific activity
- Find an accredited organisation
- Improvements in the new members' and committees' portals.

Enjoy the new website and we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback on how we can continue to better serve our members and the community.

than 160 member laboratories. We encourage you to [share](#) our newsletter with your family, friends or colleagues.

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### **NATA accredits the WADA site and new tests for the Tokyo Olympics**

With the Tokyo Olympics in full swing and Australia's athletes continuing to perform strongly on the world stage, NATA is also celebrating a winning performance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on the ground at the global event.

As part of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) memorandum of understanding (MoU) with WADA, NATA was involved in accrediting LSI Medience's new laboratory, that was set up in

early 2020 in readiness for the Games, as well as accreditation for a number of tests including two new tests for competing athletes.

NATA now accredits four labs under the MoU with WADA, in Sydney, Doha, Bangkok and now Tokyo.

In addition to the standard drugs in sport tests, NATA has recently granted accreditation to the Tokyo laboratory for a PCR test to detect gene doping and a flow cytometry test to detect homologous blood transfusion.



### Pathology diagnostic imaging

NATA has welcomed the Australian Government Department of Health's announcement that it will transfer accreditation functions for pathology and diagnostic imaging to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC).

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### Join Integrity of Equipment and Structures AAC

The Integrity of Equipment and Structures Accreditation Advisory Committee (IES AAC) advises NATA on technical issues related to non-destructive testing of equipment and structures accreditation.

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### [Materials Characterisation AAC meeting Comment](#)

The 3rd Materials Characterisation AAC meeting is on 25 August 2021. Email the [Materials, Assets and Products Sector Team](#) with comments or issues that you would like the Committee to discuss by COB **6 August**.

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### Announcement of new NATA process – Changes to a facility's Scope of Accreditation (SoA)

From 1 July 2021, an accredited facility wishing to make changes to its SoA will be required to complete the *Application for changes to the scope of accreditation* form.

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### ISO15189 Medical Testing Supplementary Requirements for Accreditation update

ISO 15189 Application Document Medical Testing Supplementary Requirements for Accreditation in Human Pathology has been updated.

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### Nominations for Board vacancies

Nominations for candidates to join the NATA Board closed on Tuesday 3 August. Member Organisations are invited to nominate representatives for the Board. NATA is governed by a seven member Board and new appointments are drawn from NATA member nominations and candidates selected by the Board.



**New NATA Risk Management training course for all industry sectors**



NATA has introduced a new [Risk Management in the Laboratory](#) course. **This is a 1-day online comprehensive course starting in November.** To secure your place in this course or any of our courses/programs including accreditation courses covering Standards ISO/IEC 17025, Standards ISO 15189, The Art of Internal Auditing and Quality Management, visit [NATA Training](#).

**What our participants think about us:**

*"I just want to say that everyone who participated thought the trainer was brilliant and everyone now wants more training from NATA! I've had similar ISO training in the past, and it wasn't nearly as engaging as this. Thank you NATA!"*

*Keren Natalia, Ramaciotti Centre for Genomics, UNSW SYDNEY (pictured left)*

**Hurry, enrol now as spaces are limited. Don't forget, you can save 15% when you enrol 3 or more people!**

\* With the changing situation due to COVID-19, face-to-face courses may move to online delivery.

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