

Physical Performance Testing Summary of the 58th Accreditation Advisory Committee Meeting

The 58th meeting of the Physical Performance Testing (PPT) Accreditation Advisory Committee was held via ZOOM on 22nd June 2021.

Review of current membership and composition

The Committee discussed the breadth of testing covered by the current membership and future requirements for additional expertise. There is a missing gap in the committee's expertise in the areas of pressure, plumbing products and motor vehicle testing (ADRs). Given the number of facilities accredited for pressure and plumbing products testing an Expression of Interest will be sought.

Reports from members

The Committee discussed the varied application and understanding of measurement uncertainty encountered at assessments, especially with regards to the transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

Review of relevant Accreditation Criteria

The current Criteria and Guidance documents applicable to PPT were reviewed. The Committee has commenced the process of reviewing the current suite of documents; once finalised where additional criteria has been included the revised documents will be circulated for member comment before publication.

Review of Scope of Accreditation descriptors

The Committee discussed the need to review of the current descriptors used for PPT scopes of accreditation and agreed to split overlapping competencies.

Stakeholder engagement

Due to COVID restrictions the tentatively planned Technical assessor and laboratory forums were not held in 2020. Work is being undertaken to progress these forums and NATA continues to engage with industry bodies, regulators and specifiers.

Assessors

The Committee discussed Technical Assessor usage, identification of disciplines requiring recruitment, new appointments, retirements, training programs and needs.

The next full meeting is tentatively set for the 4th quarter of 2022.