

**PROFICIENCY TESTING AND REFERENCE MATERIALS PROGRAMS (PRP)
ACCREDITATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING

1 September 2021

Committee membership

The committee determined no new technical expertise is needed at this time as the PRP AAC has access to technical experts on the other AACs when needed.

Review of Accreditation Criteria and Processes

ISO/IEC 17043 *Conformity Assessment - General requirements for proficiency testing* is currently under review by ISO/CASCO. Once the revised ISO/IEC 17043 is published in 2022 NATA will undertake a review of associated NATA guidance and criteria documents.

Technical Matters

Technical developments and issues discussed during the meeting included:

- NATA Specific Accreditation Criteria Reference Materials Annexes covering Biological References and Reference Grains are to be withdrawn, noting these documents are no longer in regular use;
- The service group Chemical Pathology and Immunology for PTSP will be split into separate services for scopes of accreditation, acknowledging these activities are two unique competencies;
- Both Proficiency Testing and Reference Materials programs will work at expanding their Technical Assessors pool through cross training of the existing pool of testing Technical Assessors.