

Forensic Science Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 32nd Meeting - 26 June 2025
NATA Melbourne, 2-6 Railway Parade Camberwell, VIC

Opening & welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chair
Committee Membership	<p>The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of current committee members.</p> <p>A number of new AAC experts were approved by the NATA Board since the last meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document examination• Crime scene; and• NIFS <p>The following areas will require an Expression of Interest prior to the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forensic toxicology• Parentage testing• Electronic evidence• Signal processing <p>The Committee expressed its gratitude to Dr Hayley Brown, Mr Ben Painter and Mr Paul Peacock who retired from the AAC.</p>
Discussion points	<p>Reports from Committee members were well received with a key trend continuing to be workforce sustainability in Forensic Science disciplines and the effect this might have on the Criminal Justice system.</p> <p>NATAs review of the forensic science accreditation program has concluded with a number of key enhancements introduced. The changes have been generally well received by the facilities and technical assessors.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NATA will prepare a mapping document between ISO/IEC 17025 and the ISO 21043 series of standards.• NATA will draft consolidated guidelines for all disciplines on notification requirements for changes since last assessment.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be held in June 2026.