

# PROGRAM DAY 1

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome to Accreditation Matters 2026			
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM		The Strategic Value of NATA Accreditation in Enabling Diagnostic Innovation		
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Global Trust in a Changing Landscape: The Future of Accreditation and the Role of International Cooperation		Laboratory Automation to Support Accreditation Outcomes	How the Vocational Education System Can Support NATA Accreditation
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Tea			
10:45 AM - 11:25 AM	Trust, Standards and the Foundations of Productivity		Decoding Proficiency Testing Results: What the Data Is Really Telling You	How to Get the Most Out of 'Expensive' CRMs
11:25 AM - 12:00 PM		The Trust Deficit in Building Compliance - A Panel Session	Internally Audit Your Way to Success	From Policy to Practice: Operating Schemes that Deliver Trust
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Standards and Accreditation in an AI Powered World		How Robust Statistics Shape Credible Certified Reference Materials (CRMs)	Establishing Compliant User Roles and Permissions in Accredited Laboratory Information Systems
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break			
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Opportunities and Limits of Regulation	When the "Small Stuff" Really Does Matter	AI and the Future of Conformity Assessment	The MU Myth: You Don't Need Months of Data
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Preparing for an Assessment		Shaping the Rules: NATA's Contribution to International Standards and Peer Evaluation	Australian Building Standards: Combating Non-Conforming Building
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Navigating a NATA Assessment - Tips from an Authorised Representative	Insights That May Change Your Approach in Preparing for an Assessment		Can Sustainability Be Measured? The Challenge Facing Australian Building Standards
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Navigating Assessment Responses: Tips from an Authorised Representative	Digital Twins: The Missing Link Between Laboratory Accreditation and AI		Clear Air, Clear Minds: The Science of Indoor Environments and Productivity
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea			
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Digital Trust in Practice: The Future of Accreditation and Conformity in Australia	Where's Next? Accreditation at the Front Edge of the Energy Transition	The People Behind the Assessment Process	From Legacy to Leading Edge: Rethinking Materials Testing
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Navigating Complaints with NATA Constructively: Process, Evidence and Outcomes	How CHOICE Tests Products	Measuring nano- and microplastics: what can we detect and how?	More Than Efficiency: A Case for Filtration Construction Standards
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Standards for Development: Insights from the World Development Report 2025			
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Networking Drinks			
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Celebration Dinner			

## PROGRAM DAY 2

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome to Day 2				
9:15 AM - 9:50 AM	Shaping the Future of Measurement in a Changing World		75 Years of Continuous NATA Accreditation Driving Expert Solutions in Australia		
9:50 AM - 10:25 AM	Measurement Matters: Reform, Confidence, Competitiveness		Organisational Evolution Through Decluttering a Complex Laboratory Quality System	Intelligent Accreditation: The Power of Data in NATA	
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Tea				
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	An Ambitious Australia is an Accredited Australia			Strengthening NATA Compliance Through Structured Laboratory Training	From Method to Meaning: How Accreditation Shapes Digital Forensics Outcomes
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	When Seeing Isn't Believing: The Role of Accreditation in the Age of Deepfakes	The Australian Centre for Disease Control: Accreditation Matters			Don't Ignore the Weird One - Is That Outlier Trying to Tell You Something?
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Accreditation as a Force Multiplier for Regulation		Future Skills for AI Enabled Work: What It Means for Laboratories, Regulators and Conformity Assessment		From Scene to Seal: The NATA 21043.2 Accreditation Journey
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break				
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Undetected - Emerging Drugs in Australia		Conformity Assessment at Work: Heroes Without Capes		NATA Legal & Clinical Sector - Pathology Update
1:45 AM - 2:15 PM	Holding the Line: Accreditation's Role in Clean, Safe and Fair Sports	From IoT to Instruments: Smarter, Safer Equipment Selection		A Day in the Life of a NATA Lead Assessor	Automation Allows More QAP
2:15 AM - 2:45 PM	From Deserts to Ice: Geosample Management in Extreme Environments	The Invisible Infrastructure to Navigate a Complex World		A Risk-Based Approach to Mitigating the Influence of Cognitive Bias	Building Forensic Integrity: Principles and an Approach to Method Validation
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Next in Line: Developing the Next Generation of Standards Professionals		How Quality and Wellbeing Must Go Hand-in-Hand	The Calibration Gap: Why ISO 17025 Accreditation is Critical for Australian Audiology	
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea				
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Non-Conformances Done Right: From Issue to Improvement	Conformity Assessment as a Business of Trust	Ultrashort and Short Chain PFAS Analysis	Routine Testing for Weighing Equipment	Safely Lifting Australian Industry
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	NATA Legal & Clinical Sector - Forensics Update	NATA Materials, Assets & Products Sector Update	NATA Life Sciences Sector Update	NATA Calibration Sector Update	NATA Inspection Sector Update