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### NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2025 AND 2026

1. The Director-General wishes to inform States Parties of the tentative schedule for Official OPCW Proficiency Tests both in 2025 and 2026.
2. The OPCW Technical Secretariat (the Secretariat) organises two different official proficiency tests: one for environmental samples (PT) and the other for biomedical samples (BioPT). These two programmes are separate, and laboratories are welcome to participate in one or both.
3. Both proficiency testing programmes may be conducted with the assistance of designated laboratories. The tables in the Annex hereto indicate the laboratories and States Parties that have volunteered to assist the Secretariat with the proficiency tests. If the “Assisting Laboratory” column is blank, the Secretariat would welcome designated laboratories to volunteer.
4. Prior to each proficiency test, the Secretariat will issue an official Note announcing the test with instructions on how to participate. For further information regarding these tests please contact the Secretariat by email ([proficiency@opcw.org](mailto:proficiency@opcw.org)).
5. The tentative test schedule and the laboratories that will be assisting are listed in the following two tables attached in the Annex.

Annex:

Tentative Schedule and the Laboratories That Will Be Assisting in the Official OPCW Proficiency Tests and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2025 and 2026



Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN  
THE OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2025 AND 2026**

**TABLE 1: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Proficiency Test (PT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of Results</b>
Fifty-Sixth (PT-56)	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Porton Down, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Laboratório de Análises Químicas, Centro Tecnológico do Exército (CTEx), Brazil	18 October 2024	11 February 2025
Fifty-Seventh (PT-57)	Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN), Finland	DEVCOM Chemical Biological Center, Forensic Analytical Laboratory, United States of America	25 April 2025	15 July 2025
Fifty-Eighth (PT-58)	Chemical Analysis Laboratory, CBR Directorate, Agency for Defense Development, Republic of Korea	Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LAVEMA), Spain	17 October 2025	10 February 2026
Fifty-Ninth (PT-59)	-	Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Research Institute of Chemical Defence, China	17 April 2026	14 July 2026
Sixtieth (PT-60)	-	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Forensic Science Center, United States of America	16 October 2026	9 February 2027

**TABLE 2: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Biomedical Proficiency Test (BioPT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of Results</b>
Tenth (BioPT-10)	DGA Maîtrise NRBC, Département Analyse Chimique, France	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States of America	28 February 2025	16 July 2025
Eleventh (BioPT-11)	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Laboratory of Toxicant Analysis, Academy of Military Medical Sciences, China	27 February 2026	15 July 2026

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