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NAPT Newsletter

National Association for Proficiency Testing - (952)303-6126 www.proficiency.org

Special Interest Articles:

- Third Quarter Stretch
- What is an INTRA?

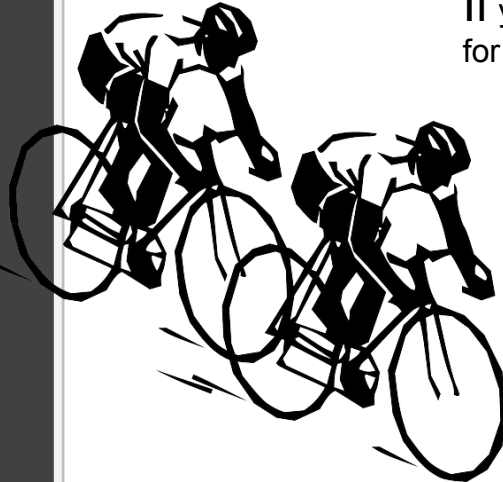
It's the Third Quarter Stretch....

If you have not scheduled your ILC/PTs for the year, there is still time...

If you are new to needing a proficiency test, call NAPT...

If you do not see an ILC/PT NAPT can send you, ask about doing an INTRA....

If you have not reviewed the quarterly reduced ILC/PT list, you might want to....



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THE VALUE OF PROFICIENCY TESTING

For the full article - [The-Value-of-Proficiency-Testing.pdf](#)

Why Participate in Proficiency Testing

Simply put, a quality system needs to have provisions to "assure the quality of test and calibration results". ISO 17025 General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories gives five suggestions for monitoring the validity of results and detecting trends using planned and structured methods. These suggestions are as follows:

- 1) Regular use of certified reference materials and/or internal quality control using secondary reference materials
- 2) Participation in inter laboratory comparison or proficiency testing programs
- 3) Replicate tests or calibrations using the same or different methods
- 4) Retesting or recalibration of retained items
- 5) Correlation of results for different characteristics of an item

A sound proficiency test will test the effectiveness of every element in your quality system and provide an unbiased, non-threatening assessment.

What is an I-ILC/PT aka “INTRA” Intra – Inter Laboratory Comparison



Are you wondering how the next proficiency test is going to get done if there is no proficiency test a provider can send?

NAPT can help. NAPT has been assisting labs for close to 20 years providing an in-house evaluation “INTRA” for those special proficiency tests. More information can be found on NAPT’s website under Custom ILC/PTs.

[Custom-ILC-PTs](#)



NAPT is still noticing a number of checks that have the old address on it. PLEASE change our mailing address in your system, it will allow payments to get to us quicker and in turn allow for NAPT to release results to you.

REMINDER: NAPT’s ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

Please have your accounting department change NAPT’s address to *4445 West 77th Street, Suite 212, Edina, MN 55435.*



Announcements



New Referral Program:

NAPT is rolling out a new referral program. **Receive \$50 off** your next invoice when you refer a NEW participant who purchases ILC/PT(s) and/or a membership with ILC/PT(s) participation.

**NAPT members who refer a new participant can request to add 5 Appreciation Points in lieu of the \$50 off.

Quarterly Reduced Priced ILC/PTs



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ELECTRICAL HP5342A

FORCE-313

INSP-201

LCR-METER-108

PRESSURE-211

SOUND LEVEL-115

Each quarter NAPT offers select proficiency tests at a reduced fee. NAPT is offering the following ILC/PTs this quarter only for \$300:

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SOUND LEVEL-115

**These artifacts are outside PTs purchased in a member's ILC/Package at the time of enrollment or renewal.*

You need not be a member of NAPT to take advantage of these reduced prices!

[Sign Up Today!](#)

If you have questions, feel free to contact Karen at karen@proficiency.org or Bobbie at bobbie@proficiency.org

This is a \$275 savings!

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SPOTLIGHT

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About Our Organization...

NAPT is a non-profit membership association dedicated to the improvement of measurement quality.

NAPT is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) scientific and educational nonprofit organization.

Mission

Our Mission Our mission is to provide our customers with the best information, tools and service to help them improve measurement processes and results through participation in intra laboratory comparisons, proficiency testing and round robins.

Our Quality Policy NAPT provides our clients with an unbiased analysis of measurement processes to enhance awareness of their technical competence and data integrity.

Our Objectives NAPT's main objective is to support our mission by providing professional management and program administration, coordination, data processing and reporting for intra laboratory comparisons, proficiency testing, and round robins.

"You folks have a good organization there. I like having you as our PT provider."

*G. Greiner, Alcoa Howmet Research Center
Member Testimonial*

"The people are friendly and helpful. A good crew. Thank you so much."

"You guys are doing a good job, keep it up!"

Member Testimonial

"NAPT has been able to provide our industry with the appropriate types of tests related to our scope of accreditation. We appreciate your organization! Thanks.

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