



National Association for Proficiency Testing

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NAPT Submits ILC/PT Provider Accreditation Application

NAPT is pleased to share with you that we have submitted our application to A2LA to become formally accredited as an ILC/PT provider. At the 2005 Measurement Science Conference, NAPT Managing Director, Charles Ellis, met with A2LA's Roxanne Robinson. (See Photo) and presented NAPT's completed application to A2LA. While we are currently recognized by the ABs we felt it important to get formal accreditation by an accreditation body.

As you know NAPT is the first organization to provide ILCs to the test and metrology community, mainly calibration artifacts. We have been providing this service since 1997 and were actively involved in training other organizations prior to NAPT offering ILC/PTs. We have been working closely with A2LA and the other ABs to bring value to the accreditation granted to the ILC providers. We find ourselves in a unique position. Daily we provide guidance and interpretation of ILC/PT requirements based on individual AB policies. We also work with all ABs to assure their assessors consistently enforce specific requirements.

We have been prepared to become accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) for several years. Not only does our quality system meet A2LA's requirements for accreditation, we exceed them. We have been audited by several ABs and have been approved to provide ILC services to organizations seeking accreditation through the accreditation provider. In fact we are not aware of any AB that does not accept our reports.

So, in short NAPT will be an accredited ILC/PT provider. We expected to get formal recognition in the second quarter of 2005.





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NAPT's Board of Directors Finalizes Revised Fee Schedule

Sorry folks, the directors are requiring us to raise fees. Our Board of Directors has finalized NAPT's new fee schedule (shown below) which will go into affect March 1, 2005. Our current fee structure along with our Multi-Year Membership offer is still in affect. Anyone wishing to lock in at our current price structure can do so by signing up for a 2, 3, or 4 year Multi-Year Membership. Regardless of what month your current membership expires, you can take advantage of this offer. For more information, please contact Judy Newman at 763-525-1488 or send an e-mail to judy@proficiency.org.

Please note NAPT has not raised its fees in over four years. We are a non-profit association dedicated to assisting the community and the fees are based on our operating budget.

	Non-Member ILC/PT Fee	Package Pricing Membership + ILC/PT's
Membership Fee	NA	\$295.00
1 - ILC/PT	\$595.00	\$790.00
2 - ILC/PT's	\$1,190.00	\$1,115.00
3 - ILC/PT's	\$1,785.00	\$1,365.00
4 - ILC/PT's	\$2,380.00	\$1,590.00
5 - ILC/PT's	\$2,975.00	\$1,790.00
6 - ILC/PT's	\$3,570.00	\$1,990.00
7 - ILC/PT's	\$4,165.00	\$2,165.00
8 - ILC/PT's	\$4,760.00	\$2,315.00
9 - ILC/PT's	\$5,355.00	\$2,440.00
10 - ILC/PT's	\$5,950.00	\$2,540.00
	Non-Member	Member
Additional Technician	\$100.00	\$75.00
Rescheduling	\$100.00	\$100.00
Retesting	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
Late Shipping Fee*	\$100/wk	\$100/wk
Intra ILC Development	\$ 500 Set Up \$75/hr Admin	\$ 450 Set Up \$ 55/hr Admin.
*Fee charged per week for artifact held at participant facility longer than 5 business days		
Payment Fees		
International Check	\$10.00	
VISA/MC	2.00%	
Multi-Year Membership Discounts		
Two Year		5.00%
Three Year		7.00%
Four Year		9.00%



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Now is the last chance to enroll and save!

With the purchase or renewal of a 2, 3, or 4 year membership you have the ability to lock in our current pricing for your ILC participation for the duration of the multi-year membership. NAPT has the ability to review your current scope of accreditation and create a multi-year plan designed specifically to meet your needs. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this money saving offer, before new fee schedule is implemented.

The main goal of our membership drive is two fold, one; to offer you measurable savings, and two; to early identify the needs of our members.

One of the directives from the NAPT Board of Directors is to ensure that NAPT offers ILCs that are needed by the test & measurement community. This is easier said than done, but if the demand is there NAPT will develop the ILC you are looking for. In the past laboratories were asked to review our list of available ILCs and choose those that would fit. NAPT is taking a proactive approach by inquiring as to what your ILC needs are now as well as in the upcoming years, i.e. per your ILC plan. By identifying the desired ILCs now, we can better develop ILCs to meet your needs and the overall needs of the test & measurement community. This will allow NAPT to better plan for your future requirements. We feel that our membership program along with our expanded regional ILCs fits the bill, thus ensuring we are meeting the needs of our members.

NAPT membership benefits include Scope Reviews, Technical Assistance, Priority Scheduling, Membership Acknowledgement on NAPT's website as well as having your Website Linked, and Member-Only Special Offers and Notifications.

Regional ILC/PTs

Watch for details on the Regional ILC/PT we will be conducting in Minneapolis, MN – Grand Rapids, MI – Hutersville, NC, - Louisville, KY

Note: We are looking for regional hosts for the following locations, East Coast, Texas, California. If your organization has an interest in hosting a regional ILC, please contact us.

New Contact Information

Listed below is our new contact information, please update your records if you have not already done so. If we can be of any service to you at this time please do not hesitate to contact us. Please forward this information to all necessary persons in your organization.

NEW LOCATION:

8100 Wayzata Boulevard

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(763)525-1488

Please note that our fax number has remained the same: (305)425-5728