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NAPT's Online ILC/PT Management Application

National Association for Proficiency Testing's first priority is to provide its customers with the best information, tools and service to help improve measurement process and results through participation in inter laboratory comparisons, proficiency tests and round robins.

In addition to being the leader in providing Proficiency Testing to the Metrology Community, NAPT is now offering its 17 years of design and programming experience by making its ILC/PT Management software available to the Metrology Community.

The ILC/PT Management software is 100% web based. This versatile tool gives customers the power to work anywhere and still manage their proficiency tests. Some of the capabilities include,

- ILC Management - this is where you create and manage your own artifacts, blocks, schemes, proficiency test information and perform detailed statistical analysis.
- Account Management - is for easy tracking of account information, participants, contacts and schemes.

- E-Mail Management - lets you generate mass emails and track individual emails. Integrates with existing Microsoft Exchange 2010 and 2013 for greater e-mail management.
- Pending Action - This feature will help you manage and track pending actions that are assigned to individual accounts, contacts, schemes and more.
- Administrative Management - allows you to create, track and manage pending actions, meeting minutes and agendas all in one location. This feature also includes document control and corrective action modules.
- This application is customizable for any additional management needs

To see the versatile NAPT online ILC/PT Management application at work, stop by booth 105 at the NCSL International conference in Nashville, Tennessee July 14-18, 2013.



NASHVILLE, TN in JULY ANYONE?

NCSL International is hosting their annual conference in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opry Hotel, July 14-18, 2013.

NAPT is excited to attend and will be stationed at booth 105 for you to swing or bootscoot in to say hello.

NAPT cannot wait to manifest its new online ILC/PT Management software at the conference. You do not want to miss it!

You will also be able to sign up for a membership or any ILC/PTs while at the conference.

Come kick up your heels with us!



Tennessee fun facts:

In 1806, Nashville was chartered as a city. It would be more than 30 years before Nashville became the capital of Tennessee on October 7, 1843.

In 1897, Nashville hosted the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, a World's Fair celebrating the 100th anniversary of Tennessee's entry into the Union.

On March 1, 1941, W47NV (AKA WSM-FM) began operations in Nashville, becoming the first FM radio station in the U.S.

Participants see a slight increase in ILC/PT price

Some of you may have noticed a slight increase in NAPT's proficiency test pricing. NAPT's Board of Directors felt this was necessary to offset increased costs in the running of NAPT's operating expenses. This increase went into effect April 1, 2013.

Participants who purchased a multi-year membership prior to April 1, 2013, will not see an increase until the end of their multiyear membership commitment.

NAPT recommends the following tips to keeping Proficiency Test costs manageable -

[*Quarterly Reduced PTs*](#)

[*Member ILC/PT Packages*](#)

[*Understanding your AB's requirements*](#)



INTO ACTION...

Are you having a hard time keeping your ILC/PTs organized from year-to-year? Let NAPT help!

One of the perks of being a member with NAPT is that we can create an ILC/PT plan for your organization based off your organization's scope.

This useful tool can be followed to a tee or used as a guideline. Upon request, NAPT can also set up automatic scheduling per your ILC/PT plan so you do not have to worry about it from year-to-year!

[Contact Us](#)

Quarterly Reduced Priced PTs

Each quarter NAPT offers select proficiency tests at a reduced fee.

NAPT is offering nearly **50% off** the following PTs this quarter only:

CLAMP-309

ELECTRICAL PM6680

FORCE-203 - 1K LOAD CELL

GAGE-201

MICLS-101

TESTBLOCK-211

ROUNDNESS-111

TCC-311

**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

Phone: 952-303-6126 Fax: 305-425-5728

This is a \$275 savings!



ROUNDNESS-111
photo featured





Announcements

NEW TESTS:

In conjunction with the Sturtevant Richmond Company, NAPT is proud to announce the release into distribution an additional torque ILC/PT, Sturtevant Richmond Torque Wrench set- TORQ-514.

This torque kit marks the sixth torque proficiency test NAPT has available for participation. The proficiency test includes the Exacta2, one of the most accurate and repeatable wrenches available in the marketplace. This kit is sure to meet the most demanding requirements for any lab.

Also, NAPT is proud to announce that in conjunction with Imada, Inc. a new 100lb Force Gage - FORCE-313 is now available. This Force Gage will be the third Force Gage in circulation available to participants.

In an ongoing effort to improve NAPT's RF Power PTs, NAPT announces the retirement of the ELECTRICAL-HP426A and the introduction to the RF-PWR-MEASURE-213 and the RF-PWR-GENERATE-313.

Sign up today!

Finally, NAPT welcomes a new addition to the NAPT team, James Smith has accepted a position with NAPT as its new Quality Manager/Technical Advisor. James's vast knowledge of several disciplines and in particular Electrical makes him a great asset to NAPT and its participants. James, Welcome to the NAPT team!

" Our experience shows that not everything that is observable and measurable is predictable, no matter how complete our past observations may have been.
— [Sir William McCrea](#)
In Presidential Address (8 Feb 1963), *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society* (Mar 1963), **4**, 197

SPOTLIGHT

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Artifact Shipping/Receiving Forms

NAPT cannot stress enough how important it is for participants to complete and send back the shipping/receiving forms.

We depend on this information to better assist all ILC/PT member and non-member participants.

Prompt ILC/PT Turn-Around Times

NAPT wants to remind you that all tests should be turned around in 3 business days. If you know you cannot make this turn-around time, please contact NAPT immediately. A lack in communication can result in unnecessary late fees. Remember that failure to turn these artifacts around leads to delays for all other labs.

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 interlaboratory 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 interlaboratory comparisons, proficiency testing, and round robins.

"...you have done a great job for us and we will continue using your company."

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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