

NRL External Quality Assessment Schemes (EQAS) Enrolment Information

Personal Contact & Shipping Details

Please check that your participant and shipping details on your account are correct. The contact person is the person to whom all correspondence and all samples will be sent. If any details are blank or incorrect, please make any additions or corrections necessary and return the form to NRL. No response is necessary if the information is correct. We welcome any suggestions regarding NRL External Quality Assessment programs. If you have any further queries, please contact NRL.

Panels & Shipping

All NRL EQAS panels are identified by the Program Code and the Panel Identification (ID). The Panel ID is the closing date for the acceptance of results (YYYY-MM-DD). A full NRL EQAS subscription will contain three test event panels. The EQAS panels will be shipped in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations. The shipment dates and shipping conditions will be sent to you upon confirmation. It is the participants' responsibility to contact NRL if a shipment is not received.

Non- Australian participants receiving the shipment directly to their laboratory from NRL will receive a shipping pre-alert from NRL approximately 10 weeks prior to the shipment. This pre-alert will include information on the EQAS panels to assist the laboratory's import permit application (if required).

Panel storage, Results & Reporting

Participants should store their EQAS panels at the required temperature upon arrival and until testing is performed at the defined opening dates for each test event. The EQAS Catalogue lists the test event opening and closing dates for each test event panel. The test event dates will also be included in an email alert sent to you from Oneworld Accuracy (our Canadian collaborator who provides the internet application OASYS for result submission) prior to each test event. Your laboratory should store, handle and test the samples for each NRL EQAS panel according to the relevant "Instructions".

The instructions will be available on the Test Event Dashboard of the OASYS website (www.oneworldaccuracy.com). Results for the EQAS are to be submitted via the OASYS website by the result deadline date for each test event.

All participants must ensure that the correct assays have been added to OASYS for their laboratory before they submit results. New assays should be added to OASYS before the start date for each test event. Participant's results may not be included in the final analysis if assays have not been added before this time. Information on OASYS and EQAS result entry is available via the Support Centre on the OASYS website.

A report for each of the programs is made available approximately 15 working days after the result deadline. Reports will be specific for each participant and will be sent directly by email to the nominated contact person(s).

It is your responsibility as the participant to follow up any discrepant results and to take corrective action if necessary. If a problem persists and identified through subsequent panels, NRL may contact your laboratory to discuss the issue. It is also your responsibility as the participant to ensure that collusion and falsification of results does not occur.

Technical enquires relating to NRL EQAS can be forwarded to the NRL EQAS team on [+61 3 9418 1111](tel:+61394181111) or eqas@nrlquality.org.au