



NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE



PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEMES SHIPPING SCHEDULE FY 2026-2027

HAEMATOLOGY PT SCHEMES

Auto Coagulation

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 April 2026	24 April 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		23 Jun 2026	07 Jul 2026
03-26		25 Aug 2026	08 Sep 2026
04-26		27 Oct 2026	10 Nov 2026
05-26		07 Dec 2026	14 Dec 2026
06-26		23 Feb 2027	09 Mar 2027

Automated Differential Count

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	30 May 2026	19 Jun 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	28 Nov 2026	18 Dec 2026
04-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	19 Mar 2027

Automated Reticulocytes

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available	Report shipping date
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	30 May 2026	19 Jun 2026	06-10 Jul 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026	05-09 Oct 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	28 Nov 2026	18 Dec 2026	04-08 Jan 2027
04-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	19 Mar 2027	24 Mar 2027

D-Dimer

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 – 10 Apr 2026	24-Apr-2026	05 May 2026
02-26		10-Jul-2026	17 Jul 2026
03-26		09-Oct-2026	16 Oct 2026
04-26		15-Jan-2027	22 Jan 2027

Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26	06 - 10 Jul 2026	24 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026
03-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
04-26	04 - 08 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027

Full Blood Count			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	28 Apr 2026	05 May 2026
02-26		26 May 2026	02 June 2026
03-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	23 Jun 2026	01 July 2026
04-26		21 Jul 2026	03 Aug 2026
05-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026
06-26		22 Sep 2026	01 Oct 2026
07-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	27 Oct 2026	10 Nov 2026
08-26		24 Nov 2026	01 Dec 2026
09-26	02 - 06 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	04 Jan 2027
10-26		26 Jan 2027	02 Feb 2027
11-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	23 Feb 2027	02 Mar 2027
12-26		16 Mar 2027	23 Mar 2027

Morphology			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	28 Apr 2026	12 May 2026
02-26		26 May 2026	09 Jun 2026
03-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	23 Jun 2026	07 Jul 2026
04-26		21 Jul 2026	04 Aug 2026
05-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	08 Sep 2026
06-26		22 Sep 2026	06 Oct 2026
07-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	27 Oct 2026	10 Nov 2026
08-26		24 Nov 2026	08 Dec 2026
09-26	02 - 06 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	04 Jan 2027
10-26		26 Jan 2027	09 Feb 2027
11-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	23 Feb 2027	09 Mar 2027
12-26		16 Mar 2027	30 Mar 2027

Manual Reticulocytes			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	22 May 2026	29 May 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026
04-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

Immune Monitoring CD4 X 6			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	15 May 2026
02-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026	17 Jul 2026
03-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
04-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	20 Nov 2026
05-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	23 Dec 2026	15 Jan 2027
06-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	18 Mar 2027

Immune Monitoring CD4 X 3			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	15 May 2026
03-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
05-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	23 Dec 2026	15 Jan 2027

CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY PT SCHEMES

Blood Gas			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		19 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
03-26		21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
04-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
05-26		11 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026
06-26		19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

C-Reactive Protein			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	22 May 2026	29 May 2026
02-26		24 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026
03-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
04-26		22 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027

Cardiac Markers			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		19 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
03-26		21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
04-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
05-26		11 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026
06-26		19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

Endocrinology			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		19 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
03-26		21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
04-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
05-26		11 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026
06-26		19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

General Chemistry			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10-Apr 2026	30 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		22 May 2026	29 May 2026
03-26		19 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
04-26		24 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026
05-26		21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
06-26		18 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026
07-26	06 - 10-Apr 2026	23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
08-26		20 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026
09-26		11 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026
10-26		22 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027
11-26		19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027
12-26		19 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027

Therapeutic Drugs Monitoring			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26		19 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
03-26		21 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026
04-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
05-26		11 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026
06-26		19 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

Qualitative BhCG (Urine)			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	08 May 2026
02-26	06 - 10 Jul 2026	24 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026
03-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
04-26	04 - 08 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027

VIROLOGY PT SCHEMES

HIV Serology X4

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	30 Apr 2026	18 May 2026
02-26		17 July 2026	31 Jul 2026
03-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	16 Nov 2026
04-26		16 Jan 2027	01 Feb 2027

HIV Serology (POCT) X2

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	13 – 24 Apr 2026	12 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026
02-26	07 -18 Sep 2026	13 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026

Hepatitis A IgM Serology

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	29 May 2026	12 Jun 2026
02-26	01 – 04 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	16 Oct 2026
03-26	01 – 04 Dec 2026	30 Dec 2026	22 Jan 2027

Hepatitis B surface Antigen Serology

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	20 Jun 2026	18 Jul 2026
02-26		04 Sep 2026	19 Sep 2026
03-26	01 – 04 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	16 Jan 2027
04-26		12 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Serology X4

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	4 May 2026
02-26		24 July 2026	31 Jul 2026
03-26		23 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026
04-26		22 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY PT SCHEMES

SARS-CoV-2 Molecular PCR			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	01 May 2026	15 May 2026
02-26		10 Jul 2026	24 Jul 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	18 Dec 2026
04-26		05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027

HIV EID DNA PCR			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	08 May 2026	22 May 2026
02-26	06-10 Jul 2026	07 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026
03-26	05-09 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026
04-26		08 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027

HIV Viral Load			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	08 May 2026	22 May 2026
02-26	06-10 Jul 2026	07 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026
03-26	05-09 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026
04-26		08 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027

TB LPA			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	22 May 2026	01 June 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	30 Nov 2026
04-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	01 Mar 2027

MICROBIOLOGY PT SCHEMES

Bacteriology

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 – 08 May 2026	29-May-2026	20 Jun 2026
02-26		07-Aug-2026	28 Aug 2026
03-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	06-Nov-2026	27 Nov 2026
04-26		29-Jan-2027	19-Feb-2027

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Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	15 May 2026
02-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026	17 Jul 2026
03-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
04-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	20 Nov 2026
05-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	23 Dec 2026	15 Jan 2027
06-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	18 Mar 2027

CrAg X 3

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 - 10 Apr 2026	24 Apr 2026	15 May 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
03-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	23 Dec 2026	15 Jan 2027

Mycology Mould

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	12 Jun 2026	10 Jul 2026
02-26		26 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	11 Dec 2026	15 Jan 2027
04-26		12 Feb 2027	19 Mar 2027

Mycology Yeast – Basic & Advanced

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	29 May 2026	19 June 2026
02-26		14 Aug 2026	07 Sep 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	21 Dec 2026
04-26		05 Feb 2027	01 Mar 2027

SEROLOGY PT SCHEMES

Non-Specific Serology (RPR)

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026	17 Jul 2026
02-26	03 - 07 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	18 Sep 2026
03-26	01 - 06 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	18 Dec 2026
04-26	01 - 05 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	18 Mar 2027

Specific Treponemal Serology (TPAb/TP-PA/TPHA/Rapid Treponemal Test)

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 – 10 Apr 2026	24-Apr-2026	05-May-2026
02-26		10-Jul-2026	17-Jul-2026
03-26		09-Oct-2026	16-Oct-2026
04-26		15-Jan-2027	22-Jan-2027

PARASITOLOGY PT SCHEMES

Malaria RDT

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	06 – 10 Apr 2026	24-Apr-2026	05-May-2026
02-26		10-Jul-2026	17-Jul-2026
03-26		09-Oct-2026	16-Oct-2026
04-26		15-Jan-2027	22-Jan-2027

Parasitology Blood

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	01 - 05 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026	07 Aug 2026
02-26	01 - 04 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	31 Oct 2026
03-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	30 Dec 2026	30 Jan 2027

Parasitology Stool

Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	01– 05 Jun 2026	19 Jun 2026	03 Jul 2026
02-26	05 - 09 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026
03-26	04 – 08 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	05 Feb 2027

MYCOBACTERIOLOGY PT SCHEMES

TB culture				
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available	Report shipping date
01-26	01 - 05 June 2026	30 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	01-04 Sep 2026
02-26	01 - 04 Sep 2026	02 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	01-04 Dec2026
03-26	01 - 04 Dec 2026	01 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	01-05 Mar 2027

TB Microscopy: Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Microscopy			
Survey	Shipping dates	Survey closing date	Survey reports available
01-26	04 - 08 May 2026	29 May 2026	15 June 2026
02-26		14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026
03-26	02 - 06 Nov 2026	30 Nov 2026	14 Dec 2026
04-26		12 Feb 2027	01 Mar 2027