5. Interlaboratory Comparisons (ILC) / Proficiency Testing (PT)

The NLA-SA has since its inception run various schemes for calibration laboratories. Over the past number of years this has been extended into various testing laboratory fields.

Calibration
The NLA-SA is capable of offering a substantial number of Calibration PT Schemes in the following metrology fields:

- DCLF
- Temperature
- Mass
- Torque
- Force

In addition, various closed schemes with sponsorships from SANAS are also offered.

Testing
The NLA-SA currently offers several Testing PT Schemes:

- Pesticide Formulations
- Water Microbiology
- Food Microbiology
- Civils Material Testing
- Aquatic Toxicity Testing

Pricing and technical details, as well as dates of these schemes can be obtained from the website or by contacting the Office. Proposals for new schemes may be communicated to the NLA-SA by contacting the Office.

6. Subcommittees

The NLA-SA has broadened its structure by introducing various subcommittees with the purpose of addressing aspects that are of specific interest to a discipline or sector. The following subcommittees are currently active:

- Civil & Road Engineering (MatCivils)
- Stack Testers (STSA)

Various other areas are being investigated, such as:

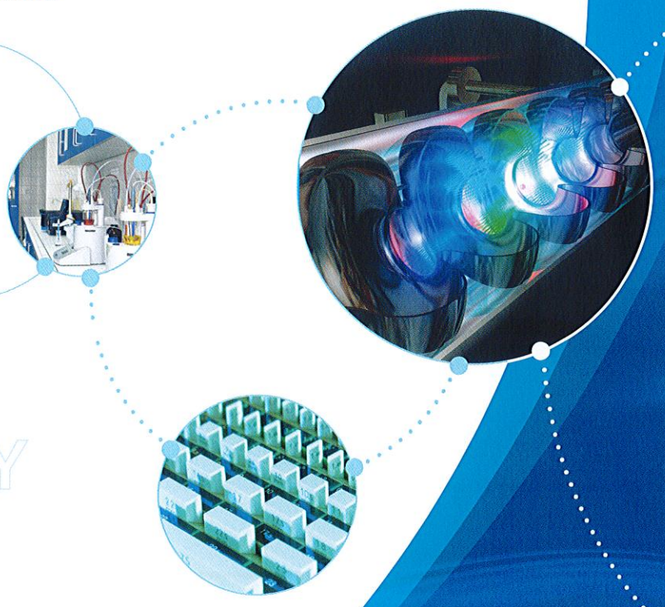
- Automotive & Aviation
- Water
- Food
- Calibration
- Energy

The NLA-SA is confident that more of these will be established in the future, enabling even more companies/laboratories to derive benefit from their membership.

7. The Future

Whilst the diversity of the NLA-SA is considerable and ranges from the physical sciences to the analytical sciences, the goal of the NLA-SA is to continue to attract as many companies/organisations, which have laboratory or measurement interests, into becoming members.

We draw no distinction between those that are accredited and those that are not, and we strive to improve the quality of the tests and calibrations that are performed on a daily basis in South Africa, the region and Africa.



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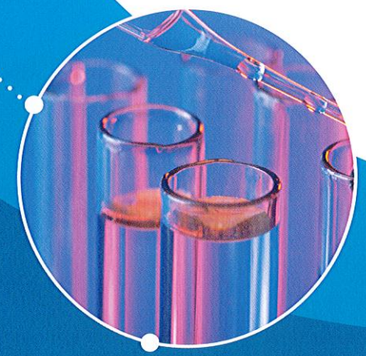
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