

TITLE: SABS PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEME, RSA

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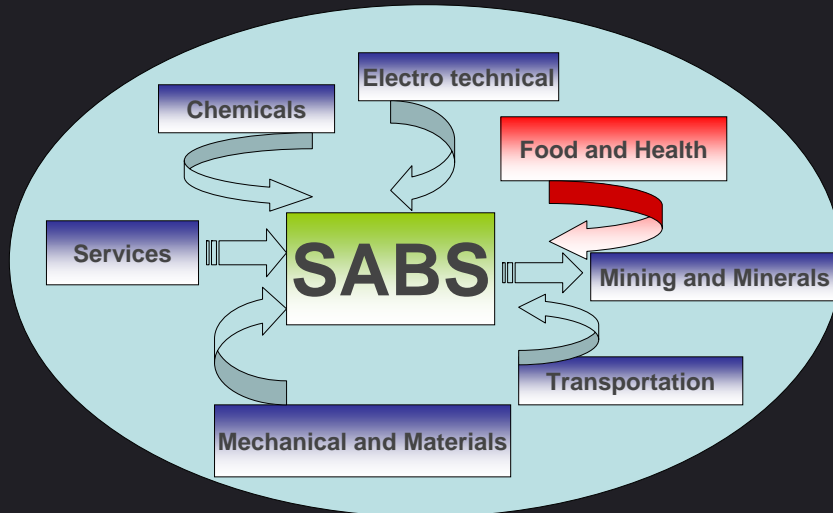
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Mission

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Mission Statement of SABS:

Ø To offer value-added standardization services on an ethical and principled basis that uplift the African standard and empower South African industry to compete vigorously towards increased market access. In so doing SABS contributes to the economic growth of South Africa and Africa as a whole within a framework that protects consumers and the environment by promoting uncompromised quality of products and services.



- The SABS Commercial (Pty) Ltd (Food Chemistry), is a provider of a proficiency testing scheme (PTS) and recognized by a accreditation body SANAS (South African National Accreditation System) according to ILAC G 13 (Guidelines for the requirements for the competence of providers of proficiency testing schemes).
- It is recognised that schemes conducted may have primary aims such as establishing the effectiveness and precision of test methods, equipment and evaluating the individual performance of laboratory staff.

- Proficiency testing schemes are used by laboratory accreditation bodies as part of an assessment process to verify competence of a laboratory.
- A high level of confidence is given to an accredited proficiency testing scheme (PTS) based on international acceptable requirements.
- Running a PTS Programme improves the quality system of the laboratory.

- SABS Water-Check (PTS) is a high frequency inter-laboratory Inorganic Chemistry Water proficiency-testing programme with the objective of providing a rapid report-back service to participants for self-evaluation
- SABS Water-Check allows flexibility in participation and no specific methods or instrumentation are prescribed.
- The programme is divided into three categories, each category being scheduled on a quarterly basis.

PTS Provider, SABS is supply the following:

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- Preparation of samples for the following groups

Group 1

Heavy metals in water: aluminium, barium, beryllium, boron, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, iron, lead, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, silicon, strontium, vanadium, zinc, mercury, arsenic and selenium.

Scheduled : January, April, July, and October.

Provides the following

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Group 2

Nutrients and oxygen demand: kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate, ammonia, total phosphate, orthophosphate, oxygen absorbed , chemical oxygen demand, dissolved organic carbon and total organic carbon.

Scheduled : February, May, August, November.

Provides the following

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Group 3

Major constituents in water: pH, conductivity, dissolved solids, calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, alkalinity, nitrate and turbidity.

Scheduled: March, June, September, and December

REPORT

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➤ REPORT DISCUSSION

- List of participating laboratories/Client base locally and Internationally for all the groups (101)

**PARTICIPATION ON THE SCHEME MEANS GROWTH,
IMPROVEMENT AND TAKING THE LABORATORY TO
AN IMPROVED QUALITY SYSTEM.**

SOUTH AFRICAN BUREAU OF STANDARDS - WATER-CHECK PROGRAMME

TABLE B

**Z-SCORE VALUES
GROUP 1**

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Determinand		B129	B130	B131	B132 A	B132B	B135	B138	B139	B141	B142	B143	B144	B147	B148	B149	B152	B153
Aluminium as Al in µg/l	1	-2,18	-	-	2,68	2,68	0,28	0,58	-	1,29	-	-0,98	-	-	-1,12	-2,86	-	-
	2	-1,34	-	-	0,71	0,71	0,95	0,91	-	1,16	-	-1,67	-	-	-0,85	-2,54	-	-
	3	-1,27	-	-	1,60	1,60	-0,37	1,37	-	0,21	-	0,51	-	-	0,06	-1,85	-	-
Barium as Ba in µg/l	1	-0,67	-	-	0,40	0,40	-0,67	-1,48	-	1,48	-	-	-	-	-	0,61	-	-
	2	0,04	-	-	0,67	0,67	-2,10	-1,31	-	1,42	-	-	-	-	-	0,34	-	-
	3	-4,66	-	-	0,39	0,39	-1,57	-0,56	-	2,30	-	-	-	-	-	0,67	-	-
Beryllium as Be in µg/l	1	-	-	-	-	-	-1,45	-3,17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2,02	-	-
	2	-	-	-	-	-	-1,75	-3,10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,13	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-	-	0,15	0,14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,53	-	-
Boron as B µg/l	1	-2,98	-	-	-7,51	-7,51	-	-2,55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,34	-	-
	2	-1,88	-	-	0,34	0,34	1,05	-2,56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,43	-	-
	3	-3,09	-	-	0,30	0,30	0,33	-2,71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,12	-	-
Cadmium as Cd in µg/l	1	-3,15	-	2,55	1,05	0,30	0,07	-1,65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,93	0,00	-	-
	2	-3,92	-	-0,67	0,64	-0,12	-0,92	-2,67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,28	0,09	-	-
	3	-5,97	-	0,47	-1,24	0,10	-0,26	-1,40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,16	0,47	-	-
Chromium as Cr in µg/l	1	-7,46	-	-	-0,13	1,02	-1,56	-1,16	-	1,66	-	-	-	-	-0,43	3,31	-	-
	2	-5,56	-	-	0,56	2,20	-2,24	-0,84	-	1,77	-	-	-	-	-0,43	1,94	-	-
	3	-3,26	-	-	-0,03	1,35	0,81	1,01	-	0,18	-	-	-	-	0,49	2,25	-	-
Cobalt as Co in µg/l	1	-	-	-	0,83	-0,94	-1,33	-2,39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,68	-1,50	-	-
	2	-	-	-	0,73	-1,09	-2,67	0,75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,54	-1,01	-	-
	3	-	-	-	0,48	-1,35	-1,44	-2,99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,16	-0,29	-	-
Copper as Cu in µg/l	1	-4,09	-	-2,61	0,38	-0,42	-0,84	-2,19	-	1,31	-	-	-	-	-0,83	-0,13	-	-
	2	-4,06	-	0,40	0,96	-1,01	-2,17	-3,60	-	2,63	-	-	-	-	-0,86	0,00	-	-
	3	-3,17	-	0,09	-1,04	0,37	0,23	-0,60	-	-0,67	-	-	-	-	0,64	0,78	-	-
Iron as Fe in µg/l	1	-3,11	-	-1,70	0,55	0,55	-1,11	0,69	-	0,42	-	-1,36	-	-	-0,07	-	-	-
	2	-5,98	-	-4,25	-0,09	-0,09	-0,59	0,00	-	2,12	-	-3,92	-	-	-0,23	1,22	-	-
	3	-4,33	-	-0,20	1,08	1,08	-0,05	1,94	-	0,46	-	-0,62	-	-	0,77	2,80	-	-
Lead as Pb in µg/l	1	-2,24	-	-	0,30	1,15	-0,03	0,03	-	-0,79	-	-	-	-	-0,22	-0,20	-	-
	2	-2,85	-	-	0,42	1,66	-1,30	-0,42	-	0,55	-	-	-	-	-0,49	-1,41	-	-
	3	-2,83	-	-	0,15	1,15	0,80	-0,77	-	-0,15	-	-	-	-	0,53	0,58	-	-
Manganese as Mn in µg/l	1	-4,07	-	-3,54	0,56	0,56	0,03	0,62	-	1,20	-	-0,03	-	-	-1,69	1,79	-	-
	2	-3,78	-	-2,82	-0,23	-0,23	-0,80	0,36	-	1,27	-	-2,08	-	-	-1,71	0,34	-	-
	3	-4,80	-	-2,02	-0,65	-0,65	-1,14	0,87	-	1,17	-	-0,65	-	-	-1,00	0,56	-	-
Mercury as Hg in µg/l	1	-	-	-	-	-	0,07	-0,29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	-	-	-	-	0,72	-0,63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-	-	0,23	-0,51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Molybdenum as Mo in µg/l	1	-	-	-	0,78	0,78	0,27	-0,61	-	0,04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	-	-	1,14	1,14	-0,42	-0,67	-	1,05	-	-	-	-	-	-0,13	-	-
	3	-	-	-	1,50	1,50	-0,68	0,06	-	0,49	-	-	-	-	-	-0,41	-	-
Nickel as Ni in µg/l	1	-4,47	-	-	0,25	0,26	-0,76	-3,14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,38	0,14	-	-
	2	-4,23	-	-	0,64	-1,33	-2,26	-2,67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,44	-0,53	-	-
	3	-6,90	-	-	0,49	0,25	-1,57	-2,66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,27	-0,75	-	-
Silicon as Si in µg/l	1	-3,16	-	-	0,74	0,74	1,72	-	-	0,43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-3,89	-	-	3,69	3,69	2,01	-	-	0,09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	-3,57	-	-	-1,04	-1,04	2,09	-	-	0,35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Strontium as Sr in µg/l	1	-1,97	-	-	0,04	0,04	-0,04	-1,43	-	0,89	-	-	-	-	-	-0,35	-	-
	2	-1,90	-	-	-0,49	-0,49	-1,35	-0,67	-	1,23	-	-	-	-	-	-0,06	-	-
	3	-3,76	-	-	-0,84	-0,84	-1,18	-0,62	-	0,79	-	-	-	-	-	-0,79	-	-
Vanadium as V in µg/l	1	-	-	-	4,56	4,56	0,58	-0,66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	-	-	2,49	2,49	-1,24	2,75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3,26	-	-
	3	-	-	-	2,09	2,09	0,64	0,66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,59	-	-
Zinc as Zn in µg/l	1	-1,04	-	-1,93	0,73	0,00	-2,06	-0,31	-	0,64	-	-1,54	-	-	-0,35	0,81	-	-
	2	-1,86	-	-1,26	-0,09	0,09	-2,63	-0,44	-	0,63	-	-1,49	-	-	-0,58	0,70	-	-
	3	-1,30	-	-1,15	-0,12	0,25	-1,80	0,07	-	0,75	-	-1,15	-	-	0,21	1,22	-	-
Arsenic as As in µg/l	4	-	-	-	-	-	-0,20	-0,45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-0,18	-0,67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Selenium as Se in µg/l	4	-	-	-	-	-	0,15	-2,02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,67	-	-
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-0,13	-0,93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,50	-	-
	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0,36	-	-

Table C: Statistical summary

Determinand		Spike µg/l	Median	Robust SD	n
Aluminium as Al in µg/l	1	750,0	802,0	105	48
	2	1500	1552	151	48
	3	375,0	257,0	85	47
Barium as Ba in µg/l	1	150,0	190,0	15	34
	2	450,0	488,0	27	34
	3	300,0	327,0	18	34
Beryllium as Be in µg/l	1	50,00	50,00	3	25
	2	150,0	150,0	7	25
	3	100,0	81,79	14	25
Boron as B µg/l	1	500,0	541,0	53	29
	2	2000	2005	162	30
	3	1000	1038	83	30
Cadmium as Cd in µg/l	1	125,0	126,0	13	51
	2	500,0	502,0	33	51
	3	250,0	241,0	19	51
Chromium as Cr in µg/l	1	1200	1191	52	51
	2	2400	2413	99	51
	3	600,0	397,0	103	51
Cobalt as Co in µg/l	1	400,0	397,0	18	48
	2	800,0	797,0	39	48
	3	200,0	195,0	10	48
Copper as Cu in µg/l	1	300,0	322,0	24	54
	2	1200	1205	62	53
	3	600,0	490,0	117	53
Iron as Fe in µg/l	1	1250	1099	147	53
	2	2500	2471	120	54
	3	625,0	438,5	94	54
Lead as Pb in µg/l	1	150,0	154,0	30	50
	2	600,0	586,0	45	50
	3	300,0	192,5	65	50
Manganese as Mn in µg/l	1	250,0	270,5	17	56
	2	1000	1003	54	56
	3	500,0	493,5	36	56
Mercury as Hg in µg/l	1	3,000	2,400	3	15
	2	9,000	8,800	4	16
	3	6,000	2,500	3	15
Molybdenum as Mo in µg/l	1	100,0	89,7	14	29
	2	300,0	275,0	24	30
	3	200,0	188,5	26	30
Nickel as Ni in µg/l	1	1100	1108	62	50
	2	2200	2201	111	50
	3	550,0	554,8	33	50
Silicon as Si in µg/l	1	-	1746	208	30
	2	-	1744	178	30
	3	-	1691	184	30
Strontium as Sr in µg/l	1	80,00	176,5	13	34
	2	240,0	330,0	16	33
	3	160,0	255,0	18	33
Vanadium as V in µg/l	1	100,0	86,0	18	28
	2	400,0	399,5	39	28
	3	200,0	143,5	40	28
Zinc as Zn in µg/l	1	40,00	460,0	52	53
	2	120,0	425,5	43	54
	3	80,00	326,0	40	53
Arsenic as As in µg/l	4	3,000	4,415	3	12
	5	15,00	14,50	2	14
	6	9,000	8,835	1	12
Selenium as Se in µg/l	4	7,500	8,900	3	15
	5	12,50	15,10	6	17
	6	5,000	7,000	5	15

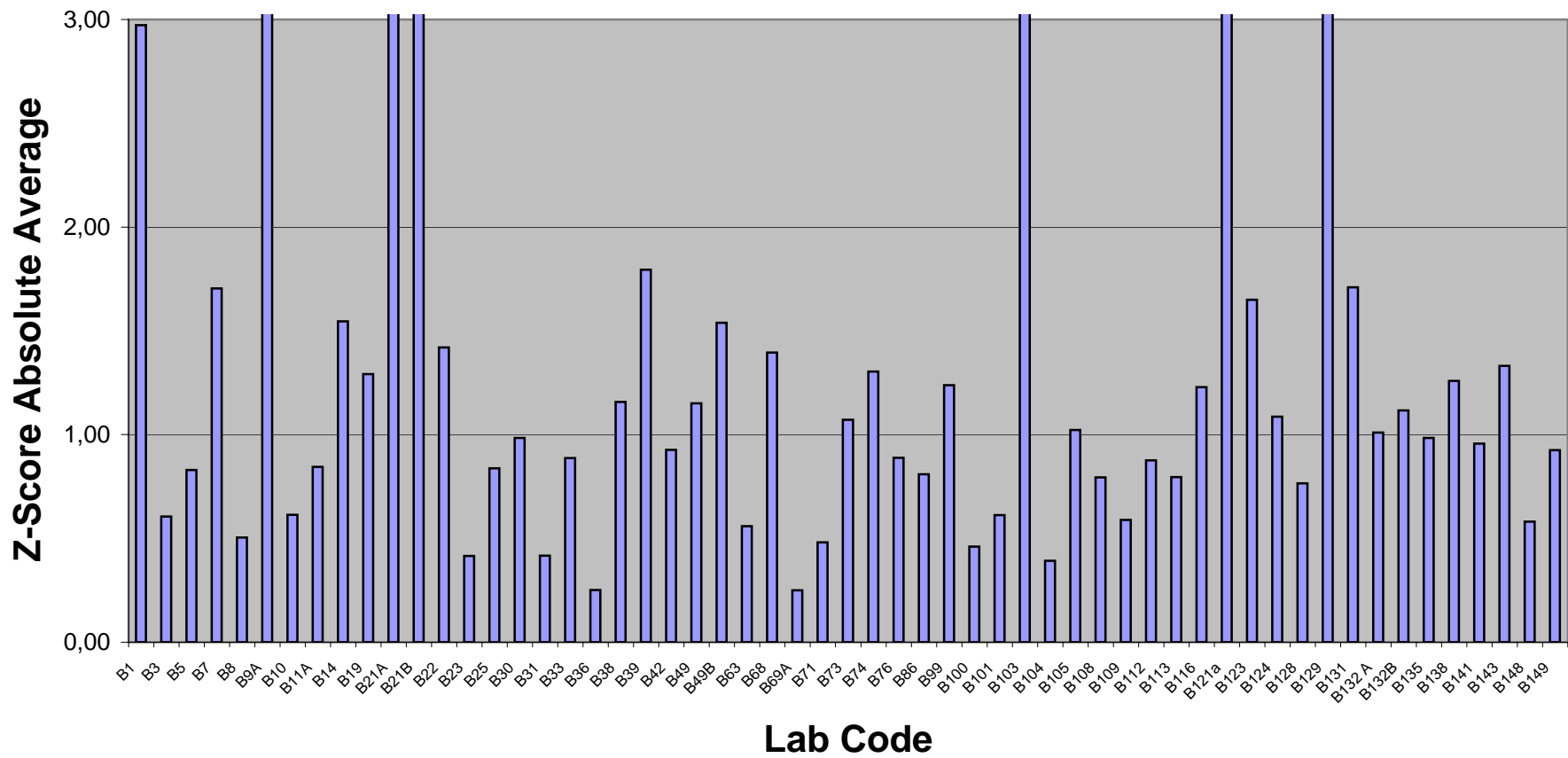
Lab code	Average absolute z- score	Number of tests performed
B1	2,97	46
B3	0,61	21
B5	0,83	51
B7	1,70	6
B8	0,50	51
B9A	6,27	60
B10	0,61	54
B11A	0,84	48
B14	1,55	60
B19	1,29	58
B21A	4,21	51
B21B	4,10	33
B22	1,42	60
B23	0,42	36
B25	0,84	60
B30	0,98	29
B31	0,42	48
B33	0,89	27
B36	0,25	36
B38	1,16	9
B39	1,80	50
B42	0,93	48
B49	1,15	30
B49B	1,54	60
B63	0,56	42
B68	1,39	42
B69A	0,25	36
B71	0,48	51
B73	1,07	33
B74	1,30	51
B76	0,89	36
B86	0,81	42
B99	1,24	24
B100	0,46	55
B101	0,61	27
B103	8,91	51
B104	0,39	33
B105	1,02	33
B108	0,79	48
B109	0,59	30
B112	0,88	33
B113	0,80	51
B116	1,23	30
B121a	3,86	27
B123	1,65	27
B124	1,09	30
B128	0,76	51
B129	3,35	39
B131	1,71	15
B132 A	1,01	48
B132B	1,12	48
B135	0,98	57
B138	1,26	57
B141	0,96	33
B143	1,33	12
B148	0,58	30
B149	0,92	48

Z < 2 = SATISFACTORY
2 < Z < 3 = QUESTIONABLE *
Z > 3 = UNSATISFACTORY

* Note: A Z-score of an individual result > 2 (questionable)
should be investigated by the participating laboratory.

WATER-CHECK GROUP 1

October 2007 Ave Abs Z-Score (Figure 1)



Sample Results

Determinand	Sample 2007/ /	Results mg/ l	Range mg/ l	Method Reference
Kjeldahl nitrogen as N in mg / l	1		1.0 - 10.0	
	2 *			
	3 *			
Total phosphate as P in mg / l	1		1.0 - 10.0	
	2 *			
	3 *			
Ammonia as N in mg / l	1		1.0 - 10.0	
	4 *			
	5 *			
Nitrate as N in mg / l	1		1.0 - 10.0	
	4 *			
	5 *			
Ortho-phosphate as P in mg / l	1		0.1 - 10.0	
	4 *			
	5 *			
Oxygen absorbed as O₂ in mg / l	1		---	
Chemical oxygen demand as O₂ in mg / l	1		20.0 - 200.0	
	4 *			
	5 *			
Dissolved organic carbon as C in mg / l	1		---	
	4 *			
	5 *			
Total organic carbon as C in mg / l	1		---	

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Water - Check

Month:

Group 2

Lab code: B

Due date:

Enquiries:

Tel:

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Signed:

Comments:

NOTES:

1. Sample 1: Purified sewage effluent preserved with 1,5 ml / litre H₂SO₄ (conc).

2. * Dilution:

Samples 2, 3, 4 and 5 are synthetic water samples.

Dilute by pipetting **20 ml** of the synthetic concentrate of samples

2,3,4 and 5 respectively into separate **1000 ml** volumetric flasks and dilute to volume with distilled/deionised water

Use Grade A volumetric glassware.

NB: Do not correct analytical results for these dilutions.

3. Testing: Please analyse by single test on a routine basis and express results as one decimal.

4. Ranges: The range values are only valid for the diluted synthetic samples.