





Australian Seed Testing Laboratories

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ISTA and NATA provide for the accreditation of seed testing laboratories. Accreditation is granted according to technical competence and compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 (standard for testing and calibration laboratories). ISTA laboratories are able to issue Orange and Blue International Certificates, which are sometimes required for international trade in seed.

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ISTA Accreditation: For more than 80 years ISTA has stood for uniformity in seed testing. The aim of ISTA Accreditation is to verify if a seed testing laboratory is technically competent to carry out seed testing procedures in accordance with the ISTA Rules. Accredited laboratories must show that they run a quality management system fulfilling the requirements of the ISTA Laboratory Accreditation Standard. These are the only laboratories that can issue Orange International Certificates for seed export.

www.seedtest.org

NATA accreditation: Provides a means of determining, formally recognising and promoting the competence of facilities to perform specific types of testing, inspection, calibration, and other related activities. NATA's accreditation is based on a peer-review process made possible by some 3000 volunteer experts who assist with the assessment of facilities and sit on NATA's various technical committees. To maintain accreditation, facilities must be re-assessed regularly, www.nata.com.au

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