

Asbestos Quality Control Samples 2025-2026



Sample Type (subject to availability)	PT Participants		Non-Participant	
	Payment via Worldpay	Payment via Invoice	Payment via Worldpay	Payment via Invoice
PT 031 A set of mounted asbestos reference slides permanently melt mounted in appropriate RI 'liquid'	£505.00	£570.00	£645.00	£730.00
PT 032 A set of mounted non asbestos reference slides permanently melt mounted in appropriate RI 'liquid'	£505.00	£570.00	£645.00	£730.00
PT 034 A set of machine made mineral fibres bulk samples (including refractory ceramics and mineral wools) + documentation	£350.00	£395.00	£470.00	£530.00
PT 036 Asbestos Reference set (amosite, chrysotile, crocidolite, anthophyllite, actinolite + documentation - quantity sufficient for ad hoc QC analyses purposes. The samples should last a laboratory undertaking routine asbestos sample ID many years, therefore only 1 order per laboratory).	£420.00	£475.00		
PT 037 Asbestos Reference set (six reference asbestos samples + documentation - quantity sufficient for ad hoc QC analyses purposes. The samples should last a laboratory undertaking routine asbestos sample ID many years, therefore only 1 order per laboratory).				
PT 038A - Additional set of AIMS samples (will count towards your cumulative score). New laboratories may purchase up to two sets to gain a cumulative score (must be participating in the next available AIMS round).	£535.00	£610.00		
PT 038R – Replacement set of AIMS samples (will count towards your cumulative score). Existing AIMS participants may purchase one set to replace the latest poor scoring or missed round.	£535.00	£610.00		
PT 038QC – A set of AIMS samples for QC purposes. The round score will not count towards a cumulative score.	£550.00	£620.00	£560.00	£630.00
PT 040 - AIMS sample (Individual samples for identification of asbestos and other fibres). These samples are homogenous and originate from previous proficiency testing scheme rounds. They are despatched with full details of their content).	£120.00	£140.00	£145.00	£170.00
PT 041 TEM sample (A qualitative bulk sample suitable for analysis by Electron Microscopy for identification of asbestos and related minerals in bulk materials)	£85.00	£100.00	£90.00	£105.00

PT 042 Fibre Types & Concentrations available (% asbestos to dry weight of matrix)		PT Participants		Non-Participant		No. of Samples Required
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Amosite	0.01%	£130.00	£150.00	£140.00	£160.00	
	0.05%					
	0.1%					
Chrysotile	0.01%	£130.00	£150.00	£140.00	£160.00	
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	0.1%					

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PT 043 Asbestos Reference sample (a reference asbestos sample + documentation - quantity sufficient for ad hoc QC analyses purposes. The sample should last a laboratory undertaking routine asbestos sample ID many years). Choice of amosite, chrysotile, crocidolite or UICC amosite, UICC chrysotile, UICC crocidolite available.	Amosite	£100.00	£115.00	£120.00	£145.00
	Chrysotile	£100.00	£115.00	£120.00	£145.00
	Crocidolite	£100.00	£115.00	£120.00	£145.00
	UICC Amosite	£140.00	£160.00	£165.00	£190.00
	UICC Chrysotile	£140.00	£160.00	£165.00	£190.00
	UICC Crocidolite	£140.00	£160.00	£165.00	£190.00
PT 044 Non-asbestos material	Wollastonite	£80.00	£95.00	£95.00	£105.00
	Brucite (Please note: contains naturally occurring chrysotile)	£80.00	£95.00	£95.00	£105.00
	Leather Fibres	£70.00	£80.00	£80.00	£95.00
PT 045 LACS sample (Individual samples for qualification and/or quantification of asbestos). These samples are homogenous and originate from previous proficiency testing scheme rounds. They are despatched with full details of their content).		£120.00	£135.00	£140.00	£160.00
PT 046 Samples for water absorption analysis. A set of three non-asbestos board samples, used in analysis to measure percentage of water absorbed. Method typically used when determining whether a material is Asbestos Insulating Board (AIB) or Asbestos Cement (AC). Results to be submitted and a report will be provided.		£350.00	£395.00	£360.00	£400.00
PT 047 (Blind Sample) Asbestos aggregate sample. A 1kg sample of aggregate containing ACM or loose fibres. Samples designed for quantitative and qualitative analysis. Results to be submitted and a report will be provided.		£390.00	£425.00	£405.00	£460.00
PT 048 (Training Sample) Asbestos aggregate sample. A 1kg sample of aggregate containing ACM or loose fibres. Samples designed for quantitative and qualitative analysis. The sample is despatched with full details of its contents.		£320.00	£370.00	£335.00	£380.00

Courier	UK	£45.00
	Europe	£65.00
	Rest of the World	£85.00

PT038A Schedule

Round	Order Form Deadline Date	Results Deadline	Reports Available (week commencing)
84 A/R	N/A	11 th April 2025	21 st April 2025
85 A/R	N/A	22 nd August 2025	1 st September 2025
86 A/R	N/A	19 th December 2025	5 th December 2025

PT 038A (Additional Round)

New laboratories may purchase up to two sets to gain a cumulative score (must be participating in the next available AIMS round).

Results are entered on the online data entry system. See schedule below for dates.

Samples will be despatched within two working days from date of payment. Reports will be available as per the schedule and not until full payment has been received.

PT 038R (Replacement Round)

Existing AIMS participants may purchase one set to replace a poor scoring or missed round of AIMS (can only replace the latest AIMS round). The score will count towards the cumulative score. (Only one round of either PT 038A or PT 038R can be purchased in every three rounds of AIMS). Results are entered on the online data entry system. See schedule below for dates.

Samples will be despatched within two working days from date of payment. Reports will be available as per the schedule and not until full payment has been received.

PT 038QC (Blind Round)

Non-AIMS participants can order a set of PT 038QC. A set of samples are sent along with a paper report form. The samples are analysed and the report form completed and returned to PT by email or post. A paper report is issued by PT, showing an indicative score.

This option could also be used for participants of the AIMS scheme who may need to purchase PT 038 but not for any of the reasons above (A or R) Payment must be made prior to samples being despatched. Reports are available within five working days from receipt of results.

How to Order**Participants of our Asbestos PT Schemes**

- Logon to the PT Online Data Entry System - https://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/aims/SR07_Login.aspx
- Click on 'Products'
- Choose the product you require and complete the subscription process
- You will need to add the relevant courier charge to your order
- VAT will be added automatically, where applicable
- The default payment option will be Worldpay (credit/ debit card) - a full VAT receipt, suitable for accounting purposes will be available online once the payment has authorised
- The PT Team can provide a pro-forma invoice if this will help you pay via Worldpay - please email the PT team with your PT Lab number and the sample(s) you require
- If an invoice is required, please contact the PT team with your PT lab number and the sample(s) you want to purchase. The minimum invoice amount is £100.00. Please note, our invoice procedure may take 4-6 weeks
- All samples are subject to availability and full payment is required before they can be despatched

Non-Participants

- Please note:
 - We are unable to supply samples to distributors - please ask your customer to contact us directly
 - PT036 is not available to non-participants of our Asbestos PT Schemes
- Please email the PT Team with the following information (proficiency.testing@hse.gov.uk):
 - company name
 - company address
 - contact name
 - contact phone number
 - contact email address
 - sample(s) that you want to purchase
- The PT team will send you details on how to access our PT Online System
- The default payment option will be Worldpay (credit/ debit card) - a full VAT receipt, suitable for accounting purposes will be available online once the payment has authorised
- The PT Team can provide a pro-forma invoice if this will help you pay via Worldpay - please email the PT team with the sample(s) you require
- If an invoice is required, please contact the PT team before ordering. The minimum invoice amount is £100.00. Please note, our invoice procedure may take 4-6 weeks
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Please contact the PT Team by email with any queries

PT Team email address: proficiency.testing@hse.gov.uk

PT Webpages: <http://www.hsl.gov.uk/proficiency-testing-schemes>

PT Online System: https://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/aims/SR07_Login.aspx