



PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM

ULTRASONICS

Company Background

Proficiency Testing Australia (PTA) is one of Australia's largest and most experienced proficiency testing providers. We have a reputation for providing friendly, customer-focussed service using qualified, experienced staff and specialists.

PTA is able to service a very broad range of industries, and many of our clients come to use our services based on the recommendation of colleagues. PTA has offices in Sydney and Brisbane, so our services and support are readily accessible.

PTA is accredited as a Proficiency Testing Provider by International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ). The accreditation covers the specific proficiency testing programs listed on the agreed scope of accreditation. The accreditation meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17043:2010 *Conformity assessment - general requirements for proficiency testing*.

Aim of the Program

The purpose of this proficiency program is to evaluate the competency of laboratories to use an Ultrasonic A Scan Pulse Echo technique in accordance with AS 2207:2007 *Non-destructive testing - Ultrasonic testing of fusion welded joints in carbon and low alloy steel*; and to provide laboratories with additional external quality assurance and thus improve overall performance.

Application of program to accreditation

Participation in proficiency testing programs would satisfy requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 *General requirements for competence of testing and calibration laboratories*.

Program Details

Welded joints (Pipe, Plate or Tee) are tested using an Ultrasonic A Scan Pulse Echo technique with non-corrosive couplant in accordance with AS 2207:2007.

Participants record, on a drawing, non-compliant discontinuities, giving their type, length of defect, cross-section location and location from datum point.

Participants are requested to report an estimate of their measurement uncertainty (MU).

A final report, summarising the information submitted by all of the participants can be viewed on the PTA website at the conclusion of the program. A summary sheet is also sent to each individual participant at the conclusion of the program. This summary sheet details the performance of that laboratory or operator in the program.

Confidentiality

Each participating laboratory is assigned a code number to allow for confidential treatment of results in all reports and publications produced by PTA. Please refer to the PTA website (<http://www.pta.asn.au/index.php/programs/confidentiality>) for more information.

Fees

Please contact PTA for information on fees for this program.

Further Information

For further information on the PTA Ultrasonics Program contact ptaenquiry@pta.asn.au