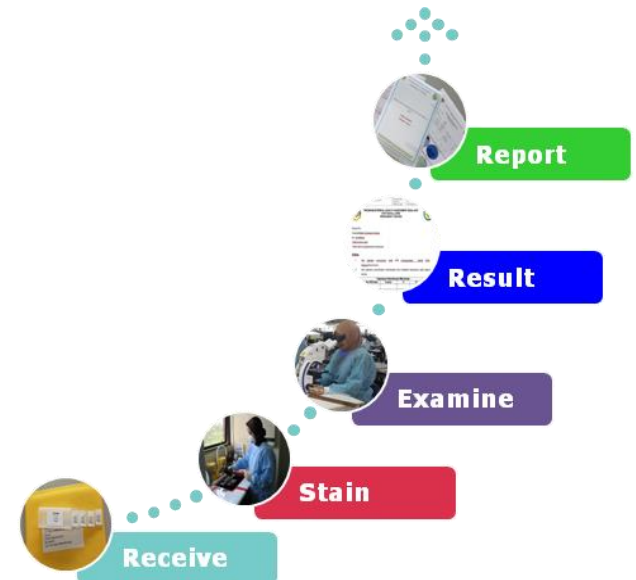


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opportunity.  
Come and  
join us.



**EXTERNAL QUALITY  
ASSESSMENT PROFICIENCY  
TESTING SCHEME:  
MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION-  
ACID FAST BACILLI**

**EQA**





## Welcome to EQA Proficiency Testing Scheme : AFB Smear

National TB Reference Laboratory plays a key role in monitoring quality of acid fast bacilli (AFB) through External Quality Assessment (EQA) Program. One of the component in this EQA program is Proficiency Testing (PT). PT is a method that can be used to evaluate the ability lab personnel/microscopist in identifying AFB and reporting the results of AFB slides follow the guidelines from WHO/IUATLD using a set of slides (unstained or/and stained slides).

Every action is an opportunity to improve.” ~**Mark Graban**

### Objective

- To assess the quality of AFB microscopy in reporting the results slides of AFB follow the guidelines from WHO/IUATLD.
- To help the microscopy center identify the aspects to improve the quality of AFB microscopy diagnosis.

### Focus on What You Do

Treat proficiency test item in the same manner as routinely tested sample to portray the actual quality of AFB smear microscopic examination.

### Participant criteria

- Any laboratory performed acid fast bacilli (AFB) smear microscopy.
- For Ministry of Health (MOH), participants are consisted of lab personnel/ microscopist whom based at microscopy center at MOH facilities.

### Key Offerings

- AFB smear panels
- 2 rounds per year
- Performance Report for each round

### How to apply?

- Any laboratories who are interested to join our program, please email a request to [eqapt.moh@1govuc.gov.my](mailto:eqapt.moh@1govuc.gov.my). Please state information as below:
  - i. Institution Name & Full Address
  - ii. Responsible Person
  - iii. Email address & Contact No
  - iv. Workload of AFB microscopy per week
  - v. Staining Method
- Approval for application will be replied through email.
- All requestor can check the application approval within 2 weeks after application sent.
- Please contact us at 03-61261200 if do not receive any reply within 2 weeks.
- No registration fee is required to participate in this program.

### Have Any Query?

#### **Don't Worry. Contact Us:**

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