
Conditions of recognition for export wine laboratories

The conditions below apply to agencies recognised to perform testing, sampling and chemical or biological or other analysis of wine under the Wine Act 2003.

Any term or expression that is defined in the Wine Act 2003, or regulations made under that Act, or in the Wine (Recognised Laboratories) Notice 2007, and used but not defined in these conditions has the same meaning as in that Act, regulations, or notice.

[Wine \(Recognised Laboratories\) Notice 2007](#)

[Wine \(Recognised Laboratories\) Amendment Notice 2007](#)

Condition 1 – Compliance with any relevant Notice of Direction

The recognised laboratory must comply with any relevant Notice of Direction given pursuant to section 57(1) of the Wine Act 2003.

[Notice of Direction under section 57\(1\) of the Wine Act 2003](#)

Condition 2 – Participation in Inter-Laboratory Comparison Programme

- (1) The recognised laboratory must participate in an Inter-Laboratory Comparison Programme (ILCP). The recognised laboratory must report to the Director General any variant results and the corrective action undertaken as soon as practicable.
- (2) ILCP samples must be clearly identified on any reports to the Director General.
- (3) If the number of ILCP samples is less than 1%, the laboratory must submit a written explanation as part of its annual report.
- (4) Where proficiency testing is not yet available for any particular analytes, it is expected that recognised laboratories will participate in such programmes should they be offered by an IANZ accredited provider in New Zealand or a NATA accredited provider in Australia.

Condition 3 – Reporting and record keeping

- (1) The recognised laboratory must submit a monthly report to NZFSA listing unique sample numbers of samples tested.
- (2) The recognised laboratory must submit an annual report to NZFSA by 15 August of each year containing the following:
 - a. a compilation of the monthly data submitted throughout each 12 month period; and

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- b. a summary of any issues arising from the recognised laboratory's participation in the ILCP during the year.
- (3) The recognised laboratory must back-up all electronic records and keep paper records for a minimum of three years.

Condition 4 - Sub-Contracting

- (1) The recognised laboratory must not sub-contract any of its obligations under its recognition to any third party without prior written approval of NZFSA.
- (2) NZFSA will not withhold its approval where the recognised laboratory proposes to sub-contract to a related company (as defined by the Companies Act 1993) with appropriate accreditation and competencies.

Condition 5 – Ceasing to provide analysis services

The recognised laboratory must give NZFSA six months notice should it decide to cease provision of analysis services for wine intended for export.

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