





The Food Microbiology (QMS) proficiency testing scheme includes microbiological samples in food. The following form contains the calendar of rounds followed by descriptions of the samples and prices.

Please complete all sections below and return to LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing: axiopt@lgcgroup.com

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### YOUR ORDER

If you would like to renew your order for the same samples/rounds as per previous year, please tick this box:

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We will copy over the samples/rounds purchased by you in the previous year and send you an order confirmation for your review. If you would like to add any other samples to your order, please mark them accordingly on the subsequent pages. If you would prefer to place a different/new order for this scheme year, please review the samples available on subsequent pages and indicate the number of samples required for each sample/round accordingly.

#### SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Month	Round	Despatch Date	Reporting Deadline	Samples Available
JAN	MC357	12 Jan 2026	16 Feb 2026	06F, 07D, 08D, 09D, 10D, 15F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 23F, 24F
FEB	MC358	02 Feb 2026	09 Mar 2026	05F, 06D, 06SP, 07F, 07VG, 09F, 10F, 13F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 18F, 20D, 21, 23D, 26D, 36, 36SP, 37, 42
MAR	MC359	02 Mar 2026	07 Apr 2026	06EG, 06F, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 22F, 23F, 24F, 33, 34, 35, 40, 47, 52
MAR	MC360	30 Mar 2026	05 May 2026	04F, 06F, 06TE, 07D, 09F, 10D, 11D, 12F, 14D, 15D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 23D, 26F, 29, 38, 39D, 41, 43, 46EG, 48
MAY	MC361	05 May 2026	08 Jun 2026	O3D, O4D, O6D, O6HB, O7CH, O7F, O8F, O9D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 18D, 21, 23D, 24D, 24HB, 32, 36, 36HB, 37, 44, 53, 55, 56
JUN	MC362	01 Jun 2026	06 Jul 2026	06F, 06VG, 07F, 10F, 13F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 20F, 22D, 23F, 25F, 26D, 45, 50
JUN	MC363	29 Jun 2026	03 Aug 2026	06F, 07D, 08D, 09D, 10D, 15F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 23D, 24F, 27
AUG	MC364	03 Aug 2026	07 Sep 2026	04D, 06D, 06HB, 07F, 07HB, 09F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 18F, 21, 23F, 26F, 36, 36SP, 37, 51
SEP	MC365	01 Sep 2026	05 Oct 2026	05D, 06CH, 06F, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 22F, 23D, 24F, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 54
SEP	MC366	28 Sep 2026	02 Nov 2026	06CF, 06F, 07D, 10F, 11F, 13F, 14D, 15D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 20D, 23D, 25D, 26D, 27, 38, 39D
NOV	MC367	02 Nov 2026	07 Dec 2026	04D, 06D, 06SP, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10D, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 18D, 21, 23F, 24D, 24SP, 32, 36, 36HB, 37
NOV	MC368	30 Nov 2026	18 Jan 2027	06F, 06NS, 07F, 09F, 10F, 11D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 22F, 23D, 26F

#### F = Generic food matrix. D = Dairy matrix (skimmed milk powder). Others = Please see Sample Availability section for matrix type.

Please ensure that LGC receive your order as soon as possible in order to avoid stock shortages. Please note that orders received the week prior to the despatch date may be subject to a despatch delay.

The despatch date shown above is the date the sample will leave our site in the UK. Please note, this is not the date the samples will arrive at your laboratory. Delivery times vary based on country, if you require further information, please contact LGC.







### SAMPLE AVAILABILITY – PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SPECIFIC DESPATCH AND REPORTING DATES

Please indicate the number of samples required per round in the grid. If you require a sample in all available rounds, please complete the All Rounds column.

Please note: Where a footnote symbol ( $* | # | ^ | †$ ) appears in a column, the footnote description text may appear at the end of a table that may span across multiple pages. Please scroll to the end of the table for these details.

		San	nples Available			R	ound	and	Mont	h (MC	<b>C)</b>		
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds									OV NOV 57 368
PT-MC-03D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Salmonella</i> species										
PT-MC-04D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 25g										
PT-MC-04F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 25g										
PT-MC-05D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Osmophilic yeast; Osmophilic mould; Osmophilic yeast and mould (ISO 21527-2)										
PT-MC-05F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Osmophilic yeast; Osmophilic mould; Osmophilic yeast and mould (ISO 21527-2)										
PT-MC-06CF.	Vial+25g	Chicken faeces	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species										
PT-MC-06CH	Vial+25g	Hard cheese	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species										
PT-MC-06D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species										







		San	nples Available				R	ound	and	Mont	h (MC	<b>C)</b>			
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	FEB 358	MAR 359	MAR 360	MAY 361	JUN 362	JUN 363	AUG 364	SEP 8	SEP NO 366 3	OV NOV 67 368
PT-MC-06EG.	Vial+25g	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-06F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
РТ-МС-О6НВ	Vial+25g	Herbs	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-06NS	Vial+25g	Seeds and nuts	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-06SP	Vial+25g	Spices	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-06TE	Vial+25g	Tea	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-06VG.	Vial+25g	Mixed vegetables	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-07CH	Vial+25g	Hard cheese	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>												
PT-MC-07D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>												
PT-MC-07F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>												







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Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds									OV NOV 57 368
PT-MC-07HB	Vial+25g	Herbs	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>										
PT-MC-07VG	25g	Mixed vegetables	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>										
PT-MC-08D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>										
PT-MC-08F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>										
PT-MC-09D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Enterococci (faecal streptococci)										
PT-MC-09F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Enterococci (faecal streptococci)										
PT-MC-10D	10g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> species; <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; Enumeration of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; <i>Clostridium</i> species										
PT-MC-10F	10g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> species; <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; Enumeration of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; <i>Clostridium</i> species										
PT-MC-11D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of mesophilic <b>aerobic</b> bacterial spores; Thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> plate count; Thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> bacterial spores; High heat resistant thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> spores (HHR-TSC)										
PT-MC-11F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of mesophilic <b>aerobic</b> bacterial spores; Thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> plate count; Thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> bacterial spores; High heat resistant thermophilic <b>aerobic</b> spores (HHR-TSC)										







		S	amples Available			F	Rounc	d and	Mont	h (M	C)		
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds								SEP SEF 365 366	
PT-MC-12F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Shigella</i> species										
PT-MC-13F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of Vibrio species; Vibrio parahaemolyticus										
PT-MC-14D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of Yersinia species; Yersinia enterocolitica										
PT-MC-15D	10g	Dairy matrix	Total anaerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of <b>anaerobic</b> sulphite-reducing bacteria; Mesophilic <b>anaerobic</b> spores; Sulphite-reducing Clostridium spores										
PT-MC-15F	10g	Food matrix	Total anaerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of <b>anaerobic</b> sulphite-reducing bacteria; Mesophilic <b>anaerobic</b> spores; Sulphite-reducing Clostridium spores										
PT-MC-16D	10g	Dairy matrix	Total <b>aerobic</b> mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i>										
PT-MC-16F	10g	Food matrix	Total <b>aerobic</b> mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i>										
PT-MC-17D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Staphylococcus species; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Bacillus species; Bacillus cereus										
PT-MC-17F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Staphylococcus</i> species; Coagulase positive staphylococci; <i>Bacillus</i> species; <i>Bacillus cereus</i>										
PT-MC-18D	10g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms										







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Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	FEB 358	MAR 359	MAR 360	MAY 361	JUN 362	JUN 363	AUG 364	SEP SI 365 36	EP NC 56 36	OV NOV 57 368
PT-MC-18F	10g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms												
PT-MC-20D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> , Thermotolerant coliforms												
PT-MC-20F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Thermotolerant coliforms												
PT-MC-21.	Vial	Vial	Detection of <i>Campylobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Campylobacter</i> species in 25g												
PT-MC-22D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain)												
PT-MC-22F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain)												
PT-MC-23D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould (ISO 21527-1) Identification of yeast and mould to genus and/or species level												
PT-MC-23F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould (ISO 21527-1) Identification of yeast and mould to genus and/or species level												
PT-MC-24D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria												
PT-MC-24F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria												







		San	nples Available			R	ound	and	Mont	h (MC	<b>;</b> )		
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds									OV NOV 67 368
PT-MC-24HB	Vial+10g	Herbs	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria										
PT-MC-24SP	Vial+10g	Spices	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria										
PT-MC-25D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of aerobic psychrotrophic organisms										
PT-MC-25F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of aerobic psychrotrophic organisms										
PT-MC-26D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species Detection of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species										
PT-MC-26F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species Detection of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species										
PT-MC-27	Vial	Vial	Enumeration of <i>Bifidobacterium</i> species; <i>Lactobacillus</i> species; Combined Enumeration of <i>Lactobacillus</i> species and <i>Bifidobacterium</i> species										
PT-MC-29	Vial+10g	Tea	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould										
PT-MC-32.	Vial	Vial	Enumeration of <i>Campylobacter</i> species										
PT-MC-33	Vial	Vial	Identification of unknown organism (non pathogen)										







		Sar	nples Available	Round and Month (MC)  All JAN FEB MAR MAR MAY JUN JUN AUG SEP S											
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds											
PT-MC-34	Vial	Vial	Identification of <i>Salmonella</i> species												
PT-MC-35- VIRTUAL	-	Paper exercise	Colony count and calculation of number of microorganisms												
PT-MC-36	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Dairy matrix	Quantitative Package (2 samples) Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; Escherichia coli; Bacillus cereus; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci												
РТ-МС-36НВ	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Herbs	Quantitative Package (2 samples) Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; Escherichia coli; Bacillus cereus; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci												
PT-MC-36SP	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Spices	Quantitative Package (2 samples) Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; Escherichia coli; Bacillus cereus; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci												
PT-MC-37	2 x Vial + min 200g sample	Dairy matrix	Qualitative Package (2 samples) Detection of Escherichia coli O157 (non-toxigenic strain); Listeria species; Listeria monocytogenes; Salmonella species; Identification of Listeria species; Salmonella species												
PT-MC-38	Vial+min 20g sample	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> perfringens; Coagulase positive staphylococci												







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Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds									NOV N 367 3	
PT-MC-39D	10g	Dairy matrix	Bacterial level by Bactoscan; Bacterial level by colony count											
PT-MC-40	Vial + min 375g sample	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species											
PT-MC-41 Ready meal	Vial+10g	Dried food matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of Coliforms; Coagulase positive Staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould; Enterobacteriaceaec; Escherichia coli											
PT-MC-42	Vial+ 25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species (low level)											
PT-MC-43	Vial + min 375g sample	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species											
PT-MC-44	Vial+min 100g sample	Ready-to-eat food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain); <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ; <i>Salmonella</i> species Identification of <i>Listeria</i> species											
PT-MC-45	Vial+10g	Fruit	Enumeration of thermophilic acidophilic bacteria ( <i>Alicyclobacillus</i> spp); Detection of guaiacol producing thermophilic acidophilic bacteria											
PT-MC-46EG	2 x 25g	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> and/or <i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> (2 samples)											
PT-MC-47	Vial+125g	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>											







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Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	FEB 358	MAR 359	MAR 360	MAY 361	JUN 362	JUN 363	AUG 364	SEP SI 365 36	P NO\ 6 367	/ NOV 368
PT-MC-48 *	2 x Vial + min 100g matrix	Infant formula	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species in 25g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g or 25g (2 samples)												
PT-MC-50 *	Vial+10g matrix	Cheese matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms; Coagulase positive staphylococci												
PT-MC-51*		Vial containing lyophilised milk (may or may not contain microorganisms at low levels)	Commercial sterility; Identification of microorganism												
PT-MC-52	3 x 10ml vials		Confirmation and /or Identification of <b>Gram-negative</b> organisms (including <i>Salmonella</i> ) to genus and/or species												
PT-MC-53	3 x 10ml vials		Confirmation and /or Identification of <b>Gram-positive</b> organisms (including <i>Listeria</i> ) to genus and/or species												
PT-MC-54	1 x 10ml vial	Vial containing up to 5 different organisms (contents may include pathogens and/or non- pathogens)	Identification of organisms to genus and/or species												
PT-MC-55*	Vial+10g	Nut matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of coliforms; yeast; mould; yeast and mould												







Samples Available			Round and Month (MC)											
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds							JUN 363			
PT-MC-56 *	2 x 25g	High lipid and protein peanut paste matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species											

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that these samples are not currently within the scope of LGC's UKAS accreditation.

Please note that all accredited samples are accredited within the boundaries of LGC's fixed and flexible scope of UKAS accreditation. For further details and the full technical specification of the scheme, please refer to the Scheme Description

To access our General Protocol, covering our scheme organisation and operation, test materials, reporting of results, data analysis/performance assessment and information provided to participants, please click on the following link: GENERAL PROTOCOL – PT Schemes

<sup>†</sup>Please note that a volume discount may apply to this price, depending on the number of Food Microbiology (QMS) PT Scheme samples purchased. For further details, please see the Volume Quantity Discount section.







### YOUR DETAILS

Returning customers, if you would like to keep your contact/address details as per previous	JS
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If changes are required or you are a new customer, please complete your details below:

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New customers LGC would like to contact you by email, phone or post about its products, services and related areas or research. LGC does not sell contact details to external parties. You may unsubscribe at any time.  Yes, I am happy to be contacted about LGC's products, services and research  No, I do not require marketing information about LGC's products and services at this time					
By submitting this application form, you are agreeing to comply by LGC's Standard Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Laboratory Quality Products and Services and are agreeing that you have read and agree to the 'General Notes' at the end of this document.					
Name	Date				







### VOLUME QUANTITY DISCOUNT

Please note that any additional/duplicate samples ordered will not contribute to the calculation of volume discount, but will be charged at a lower rate (see Repeat/Additional samples section).

Samples purchased per order	Volume Discount
1-5	0.0%
6-9	10.0%
10-19	17.0%
20-29	27.0%
30-49	30.0%
50+	33.0%

### REPEAT/ADDITIONAL SAMPLES PRICES

Repeat and duplicate samples will be charged at 50% of the main sample cost. Please contact LGC for a quotation.

#### CARRIAGE CHARGES

Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges.

#### CHANGES AND OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

#### **CHANGES**

We have changed the format of the following samples:

- PT-MC-40 Detection of Salmonella species in pooled sample: 1 x 10ml vial plus minimum 375g skimmed milk powder will now be provided
- PT-MC-43 Detection of Cronobacter species: 1 x 10ml vial plus minimum 375g skimmed milk powder will now be provided

#### OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

We have a number of other Food and Feed schemes available which may be of interest to you. Further details can be found on our Food and Feed schemes webpage.

We also have a sample which may be of interest to you PT-CH-68 (Staph enterotoxins). Further information can be found on our PT-CH-68 web page.

### **GENERAL NOTES**

#### Please note:

- All prices stated are exclusive of VAT and carriage charges.
- VAT (charged at the prevailing rate) is payable by all participants based in the UK.
- Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges (where not specified previously in the application form).
- All courier charges set by LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing do not include local import charges, taxes (etc.), which will be covered by the participant.
- Do not send remittance with this form, you will be invoiced subsequently after the despatch of each
- No refunds will be given for failure to take part in any round of the PT scheme.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing reserves the right to not send samples or the report for previous samples to any participant that has not paid their subscriptions within the terms stated on the invoice.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing cannot guarantee the number of participants that will return results for any particular parameter in each round.

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- The prices stated are for reporting results and receiving reports electronically via PORTAL (internet reporting).
- Surplus PT samples (Quality Control Material) are available; please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for further information.
- By submitting this application form, you are agreeing to comply by LGC's Standard Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Laboratory Quality Products and Services. Furthermore, for test samples containing microorganisms with a bio safety level (BSL) of 1 or 2, you are confirming that you are complying with applicable laws and regulations when using such materials.

### LGC AXIO PT FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

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