

How to select a laboratory for the testing service you need

When looking for a laboratory to perform a test of your interest, HKAS recommends you choose a HOKLAS accredited laboratory and check with it whether:

1. the test is covered in its scope of accreditation;
2. the test matches with your needs, e.g. Can the method be used for testing your sample? Can the method detect the substance at the level you want?

If the laboratory is using an accredited method to conduct the test for you, it should be able to issue a HOKLAS endorsed test report. It is therefore always advisable to ask for a HOKLAS endorsed test report, i.e. a report bearing the HKAS accreditation symbol.

The most up-to-date scope of accreditation of HOKLAS accredited laboratories and their contact details can be found on our website (<http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/accrorg.htm>). If you have queries on whether the accredited test method used by a laboratory suits your need, please consult the laboratory for clarification. You may also contact HKAS for further information regarding the scope of accreditation of a laboratory.

For more information on accredited services and HOKLAS endorsed test report, please visit our 'Frequently Asked Questions': <http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/faq.htm>.