

## Milestone 1

**Feb 1947** First meeting of NATA Council led to the formation of NATA.

**Jun 1947** Eight fields of testing confirmed at second Council meeting.

**1951** Melbourne and Sydney office opened.

**Nov 1952** First Technical Assessor appointed.

**June 1957** Incorporated as company by guarantee in Victoria.

**1960** First corporate brochure issued.

**1969** Application for accreditation reached 1,000.

## Milestone 3

**1981** NATA's Proficiency Testing scheme launched.

**1983** Medical Testing became NATA's tenth field of testing.

**1984** Perth office opened.

**1985** Established training program for Technical Assessors.

**1986** 1000th Technical Assessor appointed.

**1986** 1986 Brisbane office opened.

**1988** NATA signed Memorandum of Understanding with Commonwealth Government of Australia.

## Milestone 6

**1997** Reference Materials Producers accreditation program launched.

**1997** NATA separated its certification activities to subsidiary NCS International Pty Ltd.

**1998** Commonwealth Government of Australia reaffirmed support for single national accreditation system.

**1999** Proficiency Testing Scheme Providers accreditation program launched.

**2000** ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement signed in Washington DC by 37 accreditation bodies representing 28 economies.

## Milestone 8

**2011** Integrated Accreditation structure introduced.

**2012** Sleep Disorders Services accreditation program launched - NATA's 19th program.

**May 2013** Divestment of NCS International (NCSI) to British Standards Institution.

**2014** Board approved new Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS) to improve operational efficiency and member services.

1947-69

1970-77

1981-88

1989-90

1991-95

1997-00

2006-09

2011-14

2015-17

## Milestone 2

**1970** One third of all chemical and mechanical laboratories in Australia accredited.

**1976** 1000th laboratory accredited on 30 September.

**Oct 1977** NATA was one of the founding members of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). First ILAC conference held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

## Milestone 4

**1989** Adelaide office opened.

**1990** 2000th facility accredited and 2000th Technical Assessor appointed.

**1990** Offered certification to quality management standards.

## Milestone 5

**1992** Head Office in Sydney relocated from Chatswood to Rhodes.

**1992** Inspection Services and Forensic Sciences Accreditation Programs launched.

**1992** Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) established. NATA was a founding member.

**1995** 3000th Technical Assessor appointed.

## Milestone 7

**2006** NATA separated its delivery of proficiency testing activities into a subsidiary, Proficiency Testing Australia.

**2008** New surveillance visit model introduced. 3000th facility accredited.

**2008** NATA named as an approved accreditor for Stage 1 of the Department of Health's Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme.

## Milestone 9

**2015** Melbourne office in Camberwell acquired.

## Milestone 10

**2016** Number of Technical Assessors reached 3359.

**2017** Tabular Scope of Accreditation introduced.