

## Forensic Science Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting - 26 May 2017

Opening and welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chairman
Committee Membership	<p>The Committee discussed the terms of appointment of current committee members which are due to expire on or before the next meeting.</p> <p>This includes the discipline of Parentage testing. Expressions of interest will be requested from NATA's Members prior to the expiry of the existing incumbent's term.</p> <p>The term of the ANZFEC (previously SMANZFL) committee member and FSAAC Chair is also due to expire in May 2018. NIFS has been asked to request ANZFEC consider a nomination for this position.</p>
Accreditation Criteria	Policy Circular 43 has been withdrawn as it was duplicated by Annex B - Accreditation of forensic science facilities offering multi-site crime scene services
Classes of Test	<p>Discussion was held around the new tabular scope format being introduced by NATA. The new format, compared to existing Scopes of Accreditation, will capture the product being tested and the technique used in conducting the testing.</p> <p>Some minor amendments to the tabular scopes were proposed. These will be distributed to all facilities by the end of August 2017.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSAAC approved the inclusion of Raman spectroscopic technology to be considered for Accreditation. The limitations that the test is for Screening purposes only will need to be identified on the test report. This will be captured in the Forensic Science Application Document.</li> <li>• FSAAC approved reference to the NIFS '<i>A GUIDELINE TO FORENSIC FUNDAMENTALS Identifying the Underpinning Science of Human Based Forensic Science Disciplines</i>' as a Guide to ensuring new areas of accreditation meet Scientific validation requirements.</li> </ul>
Next meeting	The next meeting will be held in May 2018.