

## Electrotechnology Testing Summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Accreditation Advisory Committee Meeting

The initial meeting of the Electrotechnology Testing (ETT) Accreditation Advisory Committee was held at NATA's Melbourne Office on 29th August 2019. This Committee was formed as successor to the former Performance and Approvals Testing (PAT) and Information and Communications Technology Testing (ICTT) Accreditation Advisory Committees.

### Review of current membership and composition

The Committee discussed breadth of testing covered by the current membership and future requirements for additional expertise. The Committee recognised the need for expertise in the gaming industry and agreed that expressions of interest should be sought.

### Review of relevant Accreditation Criteria

The Criteria and Guidance documents applicable to ETT were reviewed with no technical changes. The optics portion of the General Equipment Table will be updated to reflect new technology in due course.

### Review of Scope of Accreditation Descriptors

The Committee noted that the current Service descriptors may not adequately distinguish non-EMC testing, e.g. evaluations of radiocommunication equipment. The Committee expressed support for the creation of new Services to address this, subject to consultation with the Inspection sector and other stakeholders as appropriate.

### Changes to Standards, Specifications, Regulatory Bodies, etc.

The committee were provided with a Therapeutic Goods Administration proposal for reforms to healthcare software classification. The committee also discussed the implication of the European Union General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on facilities. Parts of GDPR address the transfer of data outside the European Economic Area, which may have implications on providers of healthcare software.

### Assessors

The Committee discussed Technical Assessor usage, identification of disciplines requiring recruitment, new appointments, retirements, training programs and needs.

The next meeting is planned for early 2021.