



NATA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth of Australia. The Commonwealth recognises NATA as the national authority for accreditation of laboratories, suppliers of reference materials and facilities performing studies in accordance with OECD Principles of GLP and a peak authority for accreditation of inspection bodies and proficiency testing scheme providers ([https://www.nata.com.au/phocadownload/government/MOU\\_Commonwealth\\_of\\_Australia\\_and\\_NATA.pdf](https://www.nata.com.au/phocadownload/government/MOU_Commonwealth_of_Australia_and_NATA.pdf))

NATA also enters into agreements other parties. NATA has obligations and/or undertakings under each agreement. Listed below are those agreements which given the obligations/undertakings described have the potential to impact on facilities (including the disclosure of information otherwise considered as privileged under NATA Rule R.39). Agreements are listed per Sector, in some cases where agreements have cross Sector coverage; the Agreement is listed under each Sector.

Click on the applicable link to review the obligations and undertakings

*NB Obligations and undertakings listed do not necessary include activities that will impact on the facility through the course of NATA providing its accreditation services, e.g. as described in the NATA Procedures For Accreditation*

<b>Agreement</b>	<b>Party/ies</b>	<b>NATA Obligations/Undertakings</b>	<b>Scope</b>
Memorandum of Understanding	State of Tasmania	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities accredited by NATA, either public or private, and conducting testing, measurement, inspection or related activities for the State of Tasmania.



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Memorandum of Understanding	State of Victoria	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities accredited by NATA, either public or private, and conducting testing, measurement, inspection or related activities, Reference Material Providers, Proficiency Testing Scheme Providers for the State of Victoria.
Memorandum of Understanding	Dept of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	<a href="#">View</a>	Concerns raised by Commonwealth agencies with regard to facilities accredited by NATA or NATA's MRA Partners.
<b>Sector - Legal and Clinical Services</b>			
Memorandum of Understanding	The Commonwealth of Australia (the Department of Health).	<a href="#">View</a>	Applicant and accredited facilities testing for the National Cervical Screening Program.
Deed of Agreement	The Commonwealth of Australia (Chief Executive Medicare, the Department of Human Services).	<a href="#">View</a>	Accredited Pathology Laboratories (APL's) under the Health Insurance Act 1973.
Deed of Agreement	Commonwealth of Australia (Therapeutic Goods Administration)	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities with in-house IVD medical devices being manufactured that are subject to requirements under the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> and the <i>Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices) Regulations 2002</i> .
Memorandum of Understanding	The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	<a href="#">View</a>	NATA/RCPA accredited pathology laboratories.
Memorandum of Understanding	Department of Health, Victoria	<a href="#">View</a>	All pathology laboratories in either the public or private sector accredited under the NATA/RCPA accreditation program.



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Memorandum of Understanding	The Department of Health WA	<a href="#">View</a>	<p>Medical Imaging facilities accredited or current applicants for accreditation under the joint RANZCR/NATA accreditation program;</p> <p>Pathology laboratories accredited or current applicants under the joint NATA/RCPA accreditation program;</p> <p>Sleep Disorders Services accredited or current applicants for accreditation under the joint ASA/NATA accreditation program;</p> <p>Forensic Biology Services provided by the Dept of Health that are accredited or are current applicants for accreditation.</p>
Memorandum of Understanding	Queensland Department of Health	<a href="#">View</a>	<p>Medical Imaging facilities accredited or current applicants for accreditation under the joint RANZCR/NATA accreditation program;</p> <p>Pathology laboratories accredited or current applicants under the joint NATA/RCPA accreditation program;</p> <p>Sleep Disorders Services accredited or current applicants for accreditation under the joint ASA/NATA accreditation program;</p>
Memorandum of Understanding	NT Department of Health	<a href="#">View</a>	All pathology laboratories in either the public or private sector accredited under the NATA/RCPA accreditation program.



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Memorandum of Understanding	NSW Health Pathology	<a href="#">View</a>	NATA/RCPA accredited NSW Health pathology laboratories
Memorandum of Understanding	The South Australian Department of Health and Ageing	<a href="#">View</a>	<p>All accredited or applicant pathology laboratories in either the public or private sector accredited under the NATA/RCPA accreditation program.</p> <p>Water testing laboratories accredited for either chemical or microbiological analysis of water.</p> <p>Food testing laboratories accredited for either chemical, microbiological or physical analysis of food.</p> <p>Applicant or accredited Sleep Disorders Services facilities under the NATA/ASA program.</p>
Memorandum of Understanding	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities accredited under the joint RANZCR/NATA accreditation program.
Memorandum of Understanding	The Australasian Sleep Association	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities accredited under the joint ASA/NATA accreditation program.



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<b>Sector - Life Sciences</b>			
Memorandum of Understanding	The Department of Agriculture	<a href="#">View</a>	<p>All laboratories in either the private or public sector accredited for the following.</p> <p>Microbiological or virology testing of imported seafood, microbiological or chemical testing of imported food, or contracted by the National Residue Survey (NRS) to perform residue testing of agricultural products, or conducting veterinary testing of animals and animal products.</p>
Deed of Agreement/Deed of Variation	The Department of Agriculture	<a href="#">View</a>	Commonwealth approved laboratories undertaking microbiological testing of meat and meat products for export from Australia and its territories.
Memorandum of Understanding	Department of Health, Victoria	<a href="#">View</a>	Food testing laboratories accredited for the purposes of conducting chemical, microbiological or physical analysis of food in relation to the <i>Food Act 1984</i> (Vic).
Memorandum of Understanding	Queensland Department of Health	<a href="#">View</a>	<p>Food testing laboratories accredited for the purposes of conducting chemical, microbiological analysis of food or water or physical analysis of food;</p> <p>Within NATA accredited food/water testing laboratories, laboratory staff appointed by the Dept of Health as approved analysts.</p>



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Memorandum of Understanding	NT Department of Health	<a href="#">View</a>	Food testing laboratories accredited for the purposes of conducting chemical, microbiological or physical analysis of food as part of the Department's administration of the <i>Food Act 2011</i> .
Memorandum of Understanding	The South Australian Department of Health and Ageing	<a href="#">View</a>	Laboratories accredited for the purposes of conducting chemical, microbiological or physical analysis of food appointed by the Department of Health as approved laboratories under the <i>Food Act 2001</i> .
Memorandum of Understanding	The Department of Health WA	<a href="#">View</a>	Food testing laboratories accredited by NATA for the purposes of conducting chemical, microbiological or physical analysis of food and potable water and appointed by WA Health as approved laboratories under Section 82 of the <i>Food Act 2008</i> .
Deed of Agreement	Commonwealth of Australia (Therapeutic Goods Administration)	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities with in-house IVD medical devices being manufactured that are subject to requirements under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 and the Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices) Regulations 2002.
<b>Sector - Calibration</b>			
Memorandum of Understanding	Commonwealth of Australia represented by Dept of Defence	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities that conduct evaluation of ICT security products under the Australasian Information Security Evaluation Program ("AISEP"), i.e. All ICTT accredited facilities under class of test 22.01.
<b>Sector - Infrastructure</b>			



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Memorandum of Understanding	Roads Corporation trading as VicRoads	<a href="#">View</a>	Construction Materials Testing facilities (a) Registered or an applicant for registration under the VicRoads Register of Prequalified Contractors and Consultants for Field Testing (PT1) or Field and Laboratory Testing (PT2); or (b) Registered or an applicant for registration under the VicRoads Register of Testing Companies Scheme.
Memorandum of Understanding	Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads	<a href="#">View</a>	Construction Materials Testing facilities registered under Transport and Main Roads CMT Supplier Registration System (SRS).
Memorandum of Understanding	Government of New South Wales - Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	<a href="#">View</a>	Construction Materials Testing facilities registered under the Roads & Maritime Registration Scheme.
Deed of Agreement	Australian Communications Authority (now the Australian Communications and Media Authority - ACMA)	<a href="#">View</a>	Facilities determined to be competent or a recognised testing authority under s.409(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1997 or s.183(3) of the Radiocommunications Act 1992.
Memorandum of Understanding	Sydney Water Corporation Urban Growth Business (Sydney Water)	<a href="#">View</a>	Accredited Laboratories seeking to become providers of Field Testing Services.
<b>Sector - Inspection</b>			
Deed of Agreement/Deed of Variation	The Department of Agriculture	<a href="#">View</a>	Commonwealth approved Inspection Bodies undertaking inspections of meat and meat products for export from Australia and its territories.



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Memorandum of Understanding	Sydney Water Corporation Urban Growth Business (Sydney Water)	<a href="#">View</a>	Inspection Bodies seeking to become providers of Field Testing Services.
Letter of Appointment	Standards Australia	Assessment Body in accordance with MP87.2	Any facility that seeks to become a Recognized Service Facility, or for a Recognized Service Facility undergoing reassessment is expected to comply with the Rules of the Scheme(s), which are described in Standards Australia miscellaneous publication MP87.2:2007 ANZEx Scheme for Recognized Service Facilities and Appendix A of AS/NZS 3584.3:2012 Diesel engine systems for underground coal mines – Part 3: Maintenance.