# **RICE Quality Control Samples** 2024-2025





	PT Parti	cipants	Non-Participants	
Sample Type (subject to availability)	Payment via Worldpay	Payment via Invoice	Payment via Worldpay	Payment via Invoice
PT050 Additional /Replacement Slide Batch for Evaluation Additional batches may be used to allow a participant to achieve a four round score more quickly or to replace a poor score in a round. If the batch is being used to replace a poor scoring round the 'best' scores of the last four rounds counts will be used to determine the performance category. Only one replacement batch is permitted in any sequence of four consecutive rounds, which may span two membership periods.  Participants have 10 working days from receipt to count slides and return slides and counts to HSE.	£410.00	£460.00		
PT051 Training Batch I  Slide batch for training purposes. A batch is supplied to a participant for counting and results are submitted to HSE for processing. The results do not contribute to the participant's RICE performance assessment.  Participants have 10 working days from receipt to count slides and to return slides to HSE	£350.00	£380.00	£360.00	£390.00
PT052 Training Batch 2 Slide batch for training purposes. Slides along with reference counts are supplied directly to a nominated person (e.g. quality manager) for participants to assess internal results. The results are not processed by HSE and do not contribute to the participant's RICE performance assessment.  Participants have 10 working days from receipt to count slides and to return slides to HSE	£300.00	£330.00	£305.00	£335.00
PT053 Slide Damage Fee Applied where slide/s have been damaged but deemed useable within the scheme by the PT Team. Round Certificates will be withheld until full payment has been received.	£210.00	£230.00	£220.00	£240.00
PT054 Slide Withdrawal Fee Applied where slide/s have been lost and/or damaged resulting in their withdrawal from the scheme. The damaged slide will be returned to the participant (if required) once full payment has been received. Round Certificates will be withheld until full payment has been received.	£410.00	£440.00	£415.00	£450.00

## PT055 Fibre Counting Quality Control Slides (subject to availability)

UKAS Lab 30 recommends that a set of at least thirty reference slides should be established as soon as possible. The density range of the reference slides should reflect the levels routinely encountered by the laboratory, and should be divided into three groups. These groups are termed: Low <15f/mm², Medium 15-30f/mm² and High >30f/mm². The reference set for a laboratory concerned primarily with 'clearance indicator' type work should contain ~25% Low, ~50% Medium and ~25% High density slides. Laboratories are encouraged to include slides of other fibre types than the usual amphibole slides, for example chrysotile, machine made mineral fibres (MMMF) or synthetic fibres.

For slides other than amphibole, please enquire.

We offer a two tier pricing structure for PT055:

- **A**. Each slide is supplied with an estimate of fibre density based upon several counts performed on other samples from the relevant production batch.
- **B**. Each slide is supplied with two results (counted by an accredited HSE fibre counter) which is an indication of the slide density. Laboratories should use their own counts to determine the reference value (refer to UKAS LAB 30 Appendix I).

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	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В
Single Slides (I – 4)	£105.00		£120.00		£110.00		£125.00	
Batch of 5	£490.00		£520.00		£500.00		£530.00	

Band	Fibre Type	Number Required
<15 fmm <sup>-2</sup>	Amphibole	
15-30 fmm <sup>-2</sup>	Amphibole	
30-100 fmm <sup>-2</sup>	Amphibole	
100-200 fmm <sup>-2</sup>	Amphibole	

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PT056 Chrysotile Training Batch A set of three chrysotile slides, consisting of a low, medium and high reference density. These slides originated from the HSE RICE PT Scheme and the reference density was calculated using count history from competent laboratories participating in the scheme. The training batch is supplied with slide reference density details - these should not be used for laboratories internal fibre counting quality control samples.	£320.00	£355.00	£330.00	£365.00

UK	Special Delivery	£22
Europe	Carrian	£60.00
Rest of the World	Courier	£80.00

### **How to Order**

#### Participants of our Asbestos PT Schemes

- Logon to the PT Online Data Entry System <a href="https://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/aims/SR07\_Login.aspx">https://xnet.hsl.gov.uk/aims/SR07\_Login.aspx</a>
- Click on 'Products'
- Choose the product you require and complete the subscription process
- You will need to add the relevant courier charge to your order
- VAT will be added automatically, where applicable
- The default payment option will be Worldpay (credit/ debit card) a full VAT receipt, suitable for accounting purposes will be available online once the payment has authorised
- The PT Team can provide a pro-forma invoice if this will help you pay via Worldpay please email the PT team with your PT Lab number and the sample(s) you require
- If an invoice is required, please contact the PT team with your PT lab number and the sample(s) you want to purchase. The minimum invoice amount is £100.00. Please note, our invoice procedure may take 4-6 weeks
- All samples are subject to availability and full payment is required before they can be despatched

## **Non-Participants**

- Please note:
  - o We are unable to supply samples to distributors please ask your customer to contact us directly
- Please email the PT Team with the following information (proficiency.testing@hse.gov.uk):
  - o company name
  - o company address
  - o contact name
  - o contact phone number
  - contact email address
  - o sample(s) that you want to purchase
- The PT team will send you details on how to access our PT Online System
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## Please contact the PT Team by email with any queries

PT Team email address: proficiency.testing@hse.gov.uk

PT Webpages: <a href="http://www.hsl.gov.uk/proficiency-testing-schemes">http://www.hsl.gov.uk/proficiency-testing-schemes</a>