

**INVITATION FOR  
PROFICIENCY TESTING**

**in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043:2023**

**No. PTS 26/03-T-3**

**Testing of Hardened Concrete – Concrete Cubes with Nominal  
Dimension 150 × 150 × 150 mm**



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## 1. Number and name of the PT scheme

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## 2. Methods and characteristics

Method	Characteristic
* EN 12390-3	Compressive strength (mean value of three individual determinations)
* EN 12390-7 (volume by measurement of actual dimensions, mass in water-saturated condition)	Density (mean value of three individual determinations)

\* Testing shall be performed in accordance with the latest valid version of the applicable normative document.

**Note:** Each sample consists of three cubes with dimensions 150×150×150 mm. The test specimens are aged over 28 days at the time of testing and are provided to all participants under identical conditions. The age of the test specimens is not expected to influence the comparative evaluation of the results within the scheme.

## 3. Time schedule of the PT scheme



⚠ In case of any changes related to the time schedule for the conduct of the present proficiency testing scheme or other significant changes, all participants shall be notified by email.

Detailed information will be provided in the "Instruction for Participants" /F 7.3.5-1/, which will be sent to participants by email.

## 4. Financial conditions

**PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION FEE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARAMETERS BY CONTACTING US AT [OFFICE@PTSBG.EU](mailto:OFFICE@PTSBG.EU).**

### ⚠ IMPORTANT!!!

#### Clarifications on Participation

The number of participations (samples/laboratory codes) shall be defined in the submitted "Application for Participation" (F 7.2.1-3) (completed either in PDF format or via the online system on our website).

- If one participation is declared and all selected characteristics are assigned to that participation, this counts as one participation (one laboratory code / one sample set).
- If more than one participation is declared, the total number of participations shall equal the highest number of participations declared for any selected characteristic (i.e. the maximum declared number across the selected characteristics).
- For pricing purposes, when multiple participations are declared, the "one sample" shall be the participation that includes the greatest number of selected characteristics. Each subsequent sample shall be charged according to the "Each additional sample" column.

#### Invoicing and Payment

- A pro forma invoice will be issued and sent to the e-mail address provided in the "Application for Participation" (F 7.2.1-3).
- After payment is received, an electronic invoice will be issued and sent to the same e-mail address.
- Only participants who have paid the participation fee will be included in the proficiency testing.

#### Notifications

Information regarding the organization and conduct of the proficiency testing will be sent by e-mail, based on the submitted applications, no later than **31 July 2026**.

#### Delivery Charges

- No delivery fee applies for participants located on the Balkan Peninsula or within the European Union (excluding Ireland, Malta and Cyprus).

- Participants from Ireland, Malta and Cyprus will be charged an additional €50 (overseas delivery).
- Participants located outside the European Union and not on the Balkan Peninsula will be charged €120 for delivery. If DHL is used, the delivery fee will be agreed with the participant individually. The delivery charge will be included in the invoice.

## 5. Registration for participation in the proficiency testing scheme

- Registration for participation shall be made by submitting an **“Application for Participation” /F 7.2.1-3/**. The application may also be submitted electronically through the website of **“PTS Bulgaria” Ltd.**
- By submitting the application, the participant confirms that it is aware of and accepts the conditions of the proficiency testing scheme, including that the assessment of the homogeneity and stability of the proficiency testing items, as well as the determination of the assigned value, the standard deviation for proficiency assessment and the standard uncertainty of the assigned value, are carried out by the PT provider in accordance with predefined documented rules and in compliance with ISO/IEC 17043:2023 and ISO 15528:2022.
- Each laboratory may participate more than once in the proficiency testing scheme depending on the purpose of participation. In such cases, more than one laboratory code shall be assigned to the laboratory, and samples with different codes shall be provided accordingly.
- The PT provider may require submission of more than one result where this is specified in the conditions of the scheme or is necessary for the purposes of evaluation.
- The PT provider shall not be responsible for the internal allocation of laboratory codes and the corresponding samples among the personnel of the participating laboratory in cases of multiple participation.
- The **final report /F 7.4.3-1/** shall be sent to the participants by email.
- The certificate of participation shall be generated automatically by the PT provider’s software and sent to the email address indicated in the **“Application for Participation” /F 7.2.1-3/**. Information on the issued certificates shall be published in the **“Register”** section of the official website of **“PTS Bulgaria” Ltd.**

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