



PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEMES 2026-27

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About Us:

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is a Maharatna PSU under MOP&NG, Govt. of India. Also, BPCL is a Fortune 500 company which is also listed under Forbes 2000 listings, is currently organizing PT programs for the first time in the petroleum industry to cater to the needs of petroleum sector laboratories in the country and adjoining regions. BPCL Proficiency Testing is located at Sewree, Mumbai and specially established to support the demands of ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 accredited laboratories. BPCL has rich experience in conducting Inter Laboratory Programs for the past 13 years which was well received in the industry and BPCL Proficiency Testing successfully accredited as PT Provider under ISO/IEC: 17043:2023 by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) is a Constituent Board of Quality Council of India vide **Certificate No PC- 1008**.

This accreditation was obtained with the following objectives.

- ❖ **To help the Laboratories to improve their proficiency level by**
 - * Making the PT samples easily accessible
 - * Providing samples at affordable cost
- ❖ **To avail the opportunity provided by NABL and to establish itself as a reliable PT provider in Southeast Asia.**

What is PT?

Proficiency Testing is a tool for any participating lab to assess its own competency to perform specific tests or measurements.

Assessment of participant performance is done through inter laboratory comparison against pre-established criteria. It also helps the customers to understand lab's testing capability.

Why go for BPCL Proficiency Testing?

Labs can avail the proficiency testing organized by BPCL and get following benefits.

- Gain easy access to the PT schemes accredited under ISO/IEC 17043:2023 within the country.
- Can regularly conform to the requirements prescribed by NABL as per ISO/IEC 17025:2017.
- Enjoy cost savings due to affordable pricing
- Help institute preventive action measures based on the outcome of PT values.
- Establishing their proficiency levels w.r.t test methods and procedures amongst the peer laboratories.
- Ensuring continuous improvement in the laboratory systems.
- Take steps for sustained staff development
- Instilling confidence in all the stakeholders.
- Generating secondary reference materials.
- Validation of test results
- Complying with regulators requirements and accreditation bodies

Test Programs:

The Programs organized by BPCL include the petroleum products that are commonly tested by the fuel and oil testing laboratories. The PT accreditation covers the following fuels/lubricants and their variants.

1. Motor Gasoline
2. Automotive Diesel
3. Kerosene/ Aviation Turbine Fuel
4. Fuel Oil
5. Lubricant
6. Transformer oil
7. Anhydrous Ethanol
8. Grease
9. Diesel Exhaust Fluid
10. Elements in Lubricants

The PT sample is prepared in a rigorous and robust manner comprising the following major activities.

Sampling :

- a. Identification and Selection of sample
- b. Testing for homogeneity & Stability
- c. Establishing assigned value
- d. Storage, Packing and distribution to ensure integrity.

Analysis of Participant results :

The test results received from the laboratories are analysed statistically as per ISO/IEC 17043: 2023 and ISO/IEC 13528:2022. Evaluation is done for each test parameter, and statistical analysis is performed to arrive at Robust Mean and Robust 'Z' score compilations.

Criteria for determining assigned value and evaluation of performance :

Evaluation Based on assigned value calculated from consensus value of participants and considering lower SDPA (Repeatability) & higher SDPA (Reproducibility) of standard test method.

Reports:

Report containing details of the program, evaluation, laboratory performance would be prepared along with the summary indicating the lab's status amongst the participating laboratories and sent to the individual labs duly coded adhering to the required confidentiality norms.

Confidentiality Arrangements:

The identity of participants in a proficiency testing scheme shall be confidential and known only to persons involved in the operation of the proficiency testing scheme. In exceptional circumstances, when a regulatory authority requires proficiency testing results to be directly provided to the authority by the proficiency testing provider, the affected participants shall be notified of this action in writing.

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Program Schedule for PT schemes for 2026-27:

1) Scheme: Lubricating Oil

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	April 2026
Sample despatch starts	April/May 2026
Month of sample testing	May 2026
Final report Release*	June 2026

* Scheduled month or within 45 days from last result receipt date

Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Colour (ASTM)	0.5 to 8 units	ASTM 1500, IS 1448: P-12
2	Density at 29.5 deg C	0.800 to 1.000 g/ml	IS 1448: P-16, ASTM D1298, ASTM D4052
3	Flash Point (COC)	130 to 300 deg C	IS 1448: P-69, ASTM D92
4	Flash Point (PMCC)	65 to 120 deg C	IS 1448: P-21, ASTM D93
5	Kinematic Viscosity at 40 deg C	30 to 400 mm ² /s	IS 1448: P-25, ASTM D445, ASTM D7042
6	Kinematic Viscosity at 100 deg C	1 to 70 mm ² /s	IS 1448: P-25, ASTM D445, ASTM D7042
7	Pour Point	-38 to 0 deg C	IS 1448: P-10, ASTM D97, D 5949
8	Total Acid Number	0.1 to 5 mg.KOH/g	ASTM D 664, IS 1448: P1 /SEC 1
9	Total Base Number	0.1 to 40 mg KOH/g	ASTM D 2896, IS 1448: P-86
10	Viscosity Index	85 to 150	ASTM D 2270
11	Water content	10 to 500 mg/kg	ASTM D 6304
12	Water content	0.05 to 10 % by vol	IS 1448: P-40, ASTM D95

2) Scheme : Elements in Lubricant

Participation Fees	INR 20000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	June 2026
Sample despatch starts	June/July 2026
Month of sample testing	July 2026
Final report Release*	August 2026

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Element - Aluminium	6 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	ASTM D 5185
2	Element- Barium	0.4mg/kg to 4.0 mg/kg	
3	Element- Iron	2 mg/kg to 140 mg/kg	
4	Element- Lead	10 mg/kg to 160 mg/kg	
5	Element- Magnesium	5 mg/kg to 1700 mg/kg	
6	Element- Molybdenum	5 mg/kg to 200 mg/kg	
7	Element- Tin	10 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	
8	Element- Titanium	5 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	
9	Element- Vanadium	1 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg	
10	Element-Calcium	40 mg/kg to 9000 mg/kg	

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11	Element-Chromium	1 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	ASTM D 5185
12	Elements- Manganese	5 mg/kg to 700 mg/kg	
13	Elements- Nickel	5 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	
14	Elements- Phosphorus	10 mg/kg to 1000 mg/kg	
15	Elements- Silver	0.5 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg	
16	Elements- Zinc	60 mg/kg to 1600 mg/kg	
17	Elements-Copper	6 mg/kg to 40 mg/kg	

3) Scheme: Automotive Diesel Fuel

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	July 2026
Sample despatch starts	July/Aug 2026
Month of sample testing	August 2026
Final report Release*	September 2026

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Cetane index (Calculated)	40 to 65	D 4737, ISO 4264
2	Density at 15 deg C	800.0 to 870.0 g/m3	IS 1448: P-16, ASTM D 1298, ASTM D4052, ISO 3675
3	Distillation	135 to 370 deg C	IS 1448: P-18, ASTM D86, ASTM D7345
4	Distillation Residue	0.1 to 5 %v/v	IS 1448: P-18, ASTM D86, ASTM D7345
5	Flash Point (Abel)	30 to 66 deg C	IS 1448:P 20, IP 170, ISO 13736
6	Flash Point (PMCC)	65 to 120 deg C	ISO 2719, IS 1448: P21, ASTM D93
7	Kinematic Viscosity at 40 deg C	1.0 to 6.0 mm2/s	ISO 3104, IS 1448: P25, ASTM D445, ASTM D7042
8	Pour Point	-21 to 9 deg C	IS 1448: P-10, ASTM D97, ASTM D5949 ISO 3015
9	Sulphur Content	0.0001 to 2000 mg/kg	ASTM D5453, ISO 13032
10	Water content	10 to 500 mg/kg	ASTM D6304
11	Total Acid Number	0.1 to 0.5 mg.KOH/g	ASTM D664

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4) Scheme: Fuel Oil

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	August 2026
Sample despatch starts	August/September 2026
Month of sample testing	September 2026
Final report Release*	October 2026

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Density at 15 deg C	900 to 1000 kg/m ³	IS 1448: P-16, ASTM D1298, ISO 3675
2	Kinematic viscosity at 50 deg C	80 to 400 mm ² /s	ISO 3104, IS 1448: P25,
3	Ash content	0.001 to 0.1 % m/m	ISO 6245, ASTM D482
4	Pour point	-15 to 21 deg C	ISO 3016, IS 1448: P10, ASTM D97
5	water content	0.05 to 5.0 % by vol	IS 1448: P-40, ASTM D95, ISO 3733
6	Flash point (PMCC)	66 to 120 deg C	ISO 2719, IS 1448: P21, ASTM D93
7	Sediments	0.001 to 0.25% m	IS 1448: P-30, ASTM D473
8	Sulphur Content	0.1 to 4.0 % by mass	ASTM D4294

5) Scheme: Kerosene/Aviation Turbine Fuel

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	September 2026
Sample despatch starts	September/October 2026
Month of sample testing	October 2026
Final report Release*	November 2026

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Freezing Point	-70 to -30 deg C	IS 1448: P-11, ASTM D2386, ASTM D5972
2	Naphthalene Content	0.1 to 4% v/v	IS 1448: P-118, ASTM D1840
3	Density at 15 deg C	775 to 840 Kg/m ³	IS 1448: P-16, ASTM D1298, ASTM D4052
4	Kinematic Viscosity at -20 deg C	1 to 10 mm ² /s	IS 1448: P-25, ASTM D445, ASTM D7042
5	Smoke Point	10 to 30 mm	IS 1448: P-31, ASTM D1322, ISO 3014, IP 598
6	Distillation	135 to 300 deg C	IS 1448: P-18, ASTM D86
7	Distillation, Residue	0.1 to 1.5 %v/v	IS 1448: P-18, ASTM D86
8	Sulphur Content	0.005% to 0.35% by m	ASTM D4294, ASTM D5453
9	Total Acidity	0.0001 to 0.10 mg.KOH/g	IS 1448: P-113, ASTM D3242
10	Flash Point (Abel)	30 to 66 deg C	IS 1448: P 20, IP 170, ISO 13736
11	Colour (Saybolt)	-16 to 30	IS 1448: P-14, ASTM D156
12	Aromatics content	5 to 45 % by V	IS 1448: P-23, ASTM D1319
13	Existent Gum	1 to 10 mg/100 ml	IS 1448: P-29, ASTM D381

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6) Scheme: Motor Gasoline

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	October 2026
Sample despatch starts	October/November 2026
Month of sample testing	November 2026
Final report Release*	December 2026

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Aromatics content	5 to 45 %v/v	IS 1448: P-23, ASTM D1319
2	Distillation	30 to 220 deg C	IS 1448: P-18, ASTM D86
3	Distillation Residue	0.1 to 1.5 %v	IS 1448:P-18, ASTM D86
4	Sulphur Content	0.1 to 50 mg/kg	ASTM D5453, ISO 13032
5	RON	80 to 100	IS 1448:P-27, ASTM D2699
6	Gum content	1 to 40 g/m ³	IS 1448: P-29, ASTM D381
7	Density at 15 deg C	700.0 to 780.0 Kg/m ³	IS 1448:P-16, ASTM D1298, ASTM D4052
8	Ethanol content by water extraction	1 to 25% v/v	IS 2796 (Annexure C)

7) Scheme: Transformer Oil

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	November 2026
Sample despatch starts	November/ December 2026
Month of sample testing	December 2026
Final report Release*	January 2027

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Break down Voltage	30 to 100 kv	IS 6792
2	Density at 20 deg C	0.8 to 0.9 g/ml	IS 1448: P-16
3	Di-electric dissipation factor (TAN Delta) at 90 deg C	0.000 to 0.005 units	IS 16086
4	Flash point PMCC	50 to 250 deg C	IS 1448:P-21, ASTM 93
5	Kinematic Viscosity at 40 deg C	3 to 200 mm ² /s	IS 1448: P-25
6	Pour Point	-39 to +21 deg C	IS 1448: P-10, ASTM D97, ASTM D5949
7	Sulphur Content	0.005 to 0.5% by m	ASTM D4294
8	Water content	10 to 1000 mg/kg	IEC 60814

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8) Scheme: Grease

Participation Fees	INR 10000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	December 2026
Sample despatch starts	December 2026 /January 2027
Month of sample testing	January 2027
Final report Release*	February 2027

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Drop Point	150 to 370 deg C	ASTM D2265
2	Consistency of lubricating Grease at 25 ± 0.5 deg C	160 to 400 units	ASTM D21 / IS1448:P-60

9) Scheme: Diesel Exhaust Fluid

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	December 2026
Sample despatch starts	December 2026 /January 2027
Month of sample testing	February 2027
Final report Release*	March 2027

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Aldehyde Content	0.5 mg/kg to 5 mg/kg	ISO 22241-2 (Annex F)
2	Alkalinity as NH3	0.1 % m/m to 0.2 % m/m	ISO 22241-2 (annex D)
3	Biuret Content	0.1 % m/m to 0.3 % m/m	ISO 22241-2 (Annex E)
4	Density at 20°C	1087.0 kg/m ³ to 1093.0 kg/m ³	ISO 12185
5	Phosphates	0.05 mg/kg to 0.5 mg/kg	ISO 22241-2 (Annex G)
6	Refractive index @20°C	1.3814 to 1.3843	ISO 22241 (Annex C)
7	Urea content	30 % to 35 % m/m	ISO 22241-2 (annex C)

10) Scheme: Anhydrous Ethanol

Participation Fees	INR 15000 plus 18% GST
Scheme Registration starts	January 2027
Sample despatch starts	January/ February 2027
Month of sample testing	February 2027
Final report Release*	March 2027

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Sr.	Test Parameter	Range	Test Method
1	Acidity as CH ₃ COOH	1 to 40 mg/l	Annex D of IS 15464
2	Aldehyde content as CH ₃ CHO	1 to 60 mg/l	Annex E of IS 15464
3	Ethanol content at 15.6/15.6 deg C	94 to 100 % v/v	Annex B of IS 15464
4	Relative density/Specific gravity at 15.6/15.6 deg C	0.6600 to 1.0000	Annex A of IS 15464

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Eligibility Criteria :

Any organization having testing facility for any of the test parameters of the PT scheme can participate.

How to Join :

Laboratories interested in joining the program should contact the PT Coordinator for registration and other details confirmation.

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Detailed SOP of registration for the published PT scheme is available in our site www.bharatpetroleum.in under Proficiency testing. For further information and queries interested laboratories can contact PT coordinator.

Other Important Information :

PT samples are sent to the participants by BPCL PT within a reasonable time. Labs shall refer to the instruction sheet given along with PT scheme in the PT portal where test parameters to be conducted and other information is available.

The final statistical summary reports will be made available electronically within 45 working days after submission of test results by participating laboratories in the PT portal itself.

Post PT Services:

If participating lab requires any assistance w.r.t ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and allied areas, BPCL PT would undertake the same on negotiable terms.
