

TPD: Competency Testing and Its Relationship to Training

Purpose
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Competency Testing is used to demonstrate the competency of the analyst and to identify areas where additional training may be required.

Competency testing

Successful completion of a competency test is required before an analyst is approved to begin analyzing casework in the following situations

- analysts new to the laboratory
 - analysts completing a course of training in a new technical discipline
 - analysts re-entering a technical discipline after an absence from casework for more than one year
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Required training

If an analyst errs or fails a competency test, additional training may be warranted.

- The supervisor and DNA Technical Lead (if applicable), in conjunction with the Quality Manager/Laboratory Director, will outline a training plan.
 - The Quality Manager will issue a second competency test.
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Reference

For a complete discussion of competency testing in the laboratory, refer to *Assuring the Quality of Results, AQR: Competency Testing Program*.
