

Communication by the VAH Disinfectants Commission

Price List for Participation in VAH Ring Trials



Update as of 20 November 2024

The quality control of test laboratories whose test reports form the basis for the evaluation and certification of chemical disinfectant procedures by the Disinfectant Commission of the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH), includes regular participation in ring trials administered by VAH. All test laboratories that are accredited in accordance with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 and carry out the corresponding efficacy tests are obliged by the accreditation body to demonstrate their qualifications in ring trials. However, applications for VAH ring trials can be submitted by all test laboratories in Germany and abroad, regardless of accreditation.

The VAH proficiency test centre is embedded in the Department for Disinfectant Testing at the Institute for Hygiene and Public Health at Bonn University Hospital. Through these ring trials for the validation and verification of test procedures, it continuously ensures and improves the quality of the test methods as well as of the laboratories which carry out these tests.

In 2025, the VAH will offer three ring trials for method validation for the first time. This offer gives laboratories a larger selection of ring trials and offers better planning for standard methods as well as more specialised test methods. The participation fees have been adjusted as a result and will come into force on 1 January 2025 (see also Table 1).

Model 1: Annual subscription

- Annual fee: 800 € plus 19% VAT. It includes participation in two of the offered ring trials per year with the receipt of a report and a certificate of participation. Each (optional) additional ring trial in the pertaining year will be charged at 400 € plus 19 % VAT.

Model 2: Single Booking

- Fee per ring trial: 550 € plus 19% VAT. The fee includes participation in the ring trial selected with the receipt of a report and a certificate of participation.

Table 1: Price list for VAH ring trials*, as of 20 November 2024

Annual Subscription	Single Booking/1 Ring trial
Annual subscription fee: 800 € <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 2 ring trials per year➤ report (PDF) and certificate Each additional ring trial (optional): 400 €	Participation fee for one ring trial: 550 € <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 1 ring trial➤ Report (PDF) and certificate

*All prices plus 19% VAT

The participation fees for both models also include the shipment of test materials (within Europe), the evaluation of the results obtained and individual support for the laboratories with regard to queries and assistance in identifying problems and finding solutions. Registration for the 2025 ring trials can

be submitted via a registration form which is available on the VAH website <https://vah-online.de/en/for-laboratories>

Table 2 gives an overview of the VAH ring trial agenda for 2025 until 2027.

Table 2: VAH ring trial agenda 2025–2027, as of 20 November 2024

Year	Registration	Method	Test organism	Start month
2025	February	EN 16615 / VAH method chapter 14.2	<i>Candida albicans</i>	February
	May	EN 14563	<i>Mycobacterium terrae</i>	June
	September	EN 17387 / VAH method chapter 14.1	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	September
Further ring trials are offered as required				
2026	February	EN 13727 / VAH method chapter 9	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	March
	June	EN 14476	Modified Vaccinia virus Ankara	July
	September	EN 17126 / VAH method chapter 18	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	October
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2027	February	EN 16615 / VAH method chapter 14.2	<i>Enterococcus hirae</i>	March
	June	EN 13727 / VAH method chapter 9	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	July
	September	EN 16616/ VAH method chapter 17	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	October
Further ring trials are offered as required				

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