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In Europe, the legal frame that regulates the quality of water intended for human consumption is based on the new European Directive (EU) 2020/2184, December 16th, 2020.

For the purposes of this Directive 'water intended for human consumption' means

a) all water, either in its original state or after treatment, intended for drinking, cooking, food preparation or other domestic purposes in both public and private premises, regardless of its origin and whether it is supplied from a

distribution network, supplied from a tanker or put into bottles or containers, including spring waters;

b) all water used in any food business for the manufacture, processing, preservation or marketing of products or substances intended for human consumption.

Our Proficiency Testing Schemes for Drinking Water include the main physical-chemical indicators and microbiological pathogens used to assess the quality of this type of water.

Drinking Water: Physical-chemical A

[ref. 990001]



Round I	Round II	Round III
<i>Week 8</i> 16th February 2026	<i>Week 21</i> 18th May 2026	<i>Week 39</i> 21st September 2026
Aluminium Ammonium Antimony Bicarbonates Boron Cadmium Conductivity at 20°C Langelier index at 20°C Magnesium Manganese Nitrates Sodium Uranium	Arsenic Chlorides Colour Iron Mercury Nitrites Oxidability pH Potassium Selenium Zinc	Calcium Chromium Combined chlorine Copper Fluorides Free residual chlorine Lead Nickel Sulphates Total chlorine Turbidity

Metals will be determined as 'total metals'

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[ref. 990002]



Round I	Round II	Round III
<i>Week 8</i> 16th February 2026	<i>Week 21</i> 18th May 2026	<i>Week 39</i> 21st September 2026
Aldrin Aluminium Ametryn Ammonium Antimony Atrazine Benzo-a-pyrene Benzo-b-fluoranthene Bicarbonates Boron Bromodichlorometane Cadmium Conductivity at 20°C Dibromochloromethane 1,2-Dichloroethane Dieldrin Langelier index at 20°C Magnesium Manganese Nitrates Sodium 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Uranium	Alfa-endosulfan Arsenic Benzene Benzo-g,h,i-perylene Bromoform Chloroform Chlorides Colour Heptachlor Iron Indeno-1,2,3-c,d-pyrene Mercury Nitrites Oxidability pH Potassium Propazine Selenium Terbutylazine Toluene Vinyl chloride Zinc	Benzo-k-fluoranthene Beta-endosulfan Calcium Chromium Combined chlorine Copper 4,4'-DDE Ethylbenzene Fluoranthene Fluorides Free residual chlorine Heptachlor epoxide Lead Nickel o-Xylene Simazine Sulphates Tetrachloroethene Total chlorine Trichloroethene Turbidity

Metals will be determined as 'total metals'

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[ref. 990003]



Round I	Round II
<p><i>Week 12</i> 16th March 2026</p>	<p><i>Week 38</i> 14th September 2026</p>
Barium Beryllium Bicarbonates Calcium Dry residue Hardness Vanadium	Anionic surfactants Cobalt Kjeldahl nitrogen Magnesium Orthophosphates Silica Silver Total cyanides Total phosphorus

Metals will be determined as 'total metals'

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[ref. 992981]



Round I	Round II
<p><i>Week 10</i> 2nd March 2026</p>	<p><i>Week 43</i> 19th October 2026</p>
Acrylamide* Bisphenol A* Bromates* Bromides* Bromoacetic acid* Chloroacetic acid* Dibromoacetic acid* Dichloroacetic acid+ Sum of Haloacetic acids (HAA)* Total organic carbon (TOC)* Trichloroacetic acid*	Chlorates* Chlorites* 2,4-D Diuron Geosmin* Isoproturon* 2-Methylisoborneol (MIB)* MCPA Microcystines LR* Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)* Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)* Sum of PFAS*

* Parameter not included in the scope of accreditation

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[ref. 990019]



Round I	Round II	Round III
<p><i>Week 6</i> 2nd February 2026</p>	<p><i>Week 20</i> 11th May 2026</p>	<p><i>Week 38</i> 14th September 2026</p>
<p><i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Culturable microorganisms at 22°C Culturable microorganisms at 30°C Culturable microorganisms at 36°C <i>Escherichia coli</i> Faecal coliforms Intestinal enterococci <i>Salmonella</i> spp. Total coliforms</p>	<p><i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Culturable microorganisms at 22°C Culturable microorganisms at 36°C <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> <i>Escherichia coli</i> Faecal coliforms Faecal estreptococci Intestinal enterococci Total coliforms</p>	<p><i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Culturable microorganisms at 22°C Culturable microorganisms at 36°C <i>Escherichia coli</i> Intestinal enterococci <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Sulphite-reducing clostridia Total coliforms</p>

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[ref. 990037]



Round I
<p><i>Week 22</i> 25th May 2026</p>
<p><i>Clostridium perfringens</i> Culturable microorganisms at 22°C Culturable microorganisms at 36°C <i>Escherichia coli</i> Intestinal enterococci <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> Sulphite-reducing clostridia Total coliforms</p>