

SEED SAMPLING COURSE: April 2026

Official Seed Testing Station

The course is aimed at candidates wishing to become licensed seed samplers and includes comprehensive training in both the theory and practice of sampling techniques.

Included in the training will be a background to relevant seed certification procedures and detailed guidance on the official requirements for labelling, bag sealing and other duties of licensed samplers. The course will conclude with an examination in theory and practical. Success in the exam is recognised by APHA as the qualification required for the issue of an official seed sampler's licence. Candidates are advised that to achieve a pass they are expected to pass all sections of the exam.

Register your interest by 13 March 2026

Licensed Seed Sampling Registration Form – 2026

Provide full details including name, company, and email address for each registered candidate - required for establishing log-in for the course, together with full payment. For further information email lsccourse@niab.com

COURSE DATES

PART ONE

Available from 7-14 April 2026

ONLINE - Minimum 10 hours

Candidates will be sent a log-in for the Niab training platform to access online course material. This must be viewed in the candidates own time before attending. Niab staff will be available for any questions.

FOLLOWED BY

PART TWO

One day course, either 15 or 16 April 2026
IN PERSON: Sophi Taylor Building, Niab Cambridge, CB24 9NZ

The day of attendance will include a practical demonstration and a Q&A session covering areas of the theory presentations, followed by a theory and practical examination.



FEES

A course fee of **£787.00** (VAT exempt) is payable at registration.

CANCELLATIONS

If a candidate is unable to take up their place a substitute may attend. Niab reserves the right to cancel the course due to low registration numbers. Cancellations received up to 14 days before the course are refundable, less a £80 administration charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire course fee. Note: if you do not cancel and do not attend then you are still responsible for payment in full.