



## Official Seed Testing Station

### Seed Sampling Course: April 2023

#### Course details

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 they are expected to pass all sections of the exam.**

#### Course Dates:

<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Candidate will be sent a programme and log-in for the NIAB training platform to access online course material, this must be completed before attending the course / exam in the candidate's own location. <b>(Minimum time 7hrs)</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	NIAB staff will be available for any questions. Please email: <a href="mailto:lsscourse@niab.com">lsscourse@niab.com</a> (Candidates can also message on the NIAB Training platform)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Candidates will need to attend NIAB Cambridge (CB24 9NZ)  Candidate will attend either on the 19 <sup>th</sup> or 20 <sup>th</sup> April.  The day of attendance will include practical demonstration (spearing and riffling) and a question-and-answer session covering areas of the theory presentations, followed by a theory and practical examination in the afternoon.

#### Venue & Fees:

All training together with theory and practical examination will be offered as a combination of both virtual and on-site attendance at NIAB Sophi Taylor, Park Farm, Villa Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9NZ

**A course fee of £704.00 (VAT exempt) is payable at registration.**

Please see below for payment information, payment must be submitted by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**N.B.** Numbers are limited but dependent on the response received OSTs will offer course delivery on one of two consecutive dates, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please indicate your preferred optional date, we will try to accommodate if possible.

#### 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 £75 administration charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire course fee.

Please note that if you do not cancel and do not attend then you are still responsible for payment in full.



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### Further information

A detailed programme will also be made available, together with guidance regarding current policy for visiting on-site.

Candidates registered for the course will also be responsible for printing their own versions of following APHA documents.

- **Instructions to Licensed and Official Seed Samplers in England and Wales:**
- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/645457/seed-samplers-instructions.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/645457/seed-samplers-instructions.pdf)
- **CERT14 sampling frequency card:**  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/606691/form-cert14.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/606691/form-cert14.pdf)

Note: Please register your interest by email to [lsscourse@niab.com](mailto:lsscourse@niab.com) no later than **13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Also ensure you provide full details of name, company, and email address for each registered candidate as this will be required for establishing log-in for the course, together with full payment, see form Below:

### COMPLETE & RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE FORM WITH

NIAB, Barn 1, Park Farm, Villa Road, Histon, Cambridge, CB24 9NZ. Tel: 01223 342234 | Email : [lsscourse@niab.com](mailto:lsscourse@niab.com)

Please indicate payment method

<b>BACS</b>	Bank Name: <b>BARCLAYS</b> Sort Code: <b>20-65-68</b> Payment Reference: <b>SEEDSAMP</b>	Account Number: <b>80403105</b> Account Name: <b>NIAB</b>
<b>Credit / Debit card</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:angus.hamilton@niab.com">angus.hamilton@niab.com</a>	
I wish to reserve	place(s) on the sampling course <b>April 2023</b>	
Candidates name	Email:	
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Company name and address:	Please indicate below the types of sampling undertaken at the company	
	Automatic sampling	
	Manual sampling	
	– Dynamic spear	
	– Cargo/Neate sampler	
	– Walking stick sampler	
Postcode	Other method	
Telephone	No sampling carried out	