



The **Association**
for **Science Education**

Science Technician Survey

The Laboratory Technician Committee is undertaking a National Survey. This will be aimed at Science Technicians in Education, and is a follow up to the National Survey undertaken in 2000. Some of the aims of the Survey are:

1. To ascertain if the Survey of 2000, and subsequent Royal Society/ASE Report, has had any effect on the role and status of Science Technicians working in Education and if so, what.
2. To find out what effect new legislation and initiatives have had on Technicians roles and status.
3. To find out what effect the introduction of the Revised Curriculum has had on the workload and numbers of Science Technicians employed in Schools.
4. To find out how many Science Technicians perform a dual role of Technician/TA/HLTA, or if they have switched roles completely.
5. To find out how many schools employ TA/HLTAs and if they are Science specialists.

OBJECTIVES

To lobby governments to create a nationally recognised and implemented qualification and Career Structure for Science Technicians working in Education.

To assist us with this, we would be grateful if as many of you as possible would complete the Survey, and ask your colleagues as well. It is an Online Survey with a version for England & Wales, one for Scotland and one for Northern Ireland. These can be accessed via the following web addresses:

England & Wales	http://survey.slcs.ac.uk/ewtech
Scotland	http://survey.slcs.ac.uk/scottech
Northern Ireland	http://survey.slcs.ac.uk/nitech

We would like to thank the ASE Chair - Elect Richard Needham for all his hard work in having the Survey put Online and the subsequent collation of the data.