



Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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WaterChek – Microbiology Programme

Global Proficiency's **WaterChek Microbiology** programme has been designed as a multi-purpose scheme providing test verification across a wide range of water sources and microbiological tests. These are provided as a two-sample set of freeze-dried vials and can be despatched to most destinations worldwide. There have been some challenges more recently due to Covid restrictions, however we continue to work closely with labs and freight providers.

The range of water types offered include **Potable Water, Receiving Water, Effluent Water, Pool Water and Sea Water.**

- **The Potable Water category (WMP)** includes a full suite of tests and is offered 6 times per year (Round 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12). Rounds 4 & 8 include the additional test *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
- **Potable Water category (WMQ)** offers Presence/Absence testing for Total coliforms and *E. coli* only, utilising enzyme substrate technology and is offered 4 times per year (Round 3, 5, 7 & 9).
- **Receiving (Recreational) Water (WMR)** includes a full suite of tests and is offered 3 times per year (Round 3, 7 & 9).
- **Effluent Water (WME)** includes a full suite of tests and is offered 3 times per year (Round 5, 8 & 10).
- **Pool Water (WML)** includes a full suite of tests and is offered 4 times per year (Round 2, 6, 8 & 11).
- **Sea (Marine) Water (WMS)** includes a full suite of tests and is offered twice per year (Round 4, & 10). This also includes the option of a separate sample set (**WMV**) for those labs testing Enterococci via enzyme substrate technology.

Please note that for all Water Micro testing the Membrane Filtration (MF cfu/100mL) and Most Probable Number (MPN/100mL) tests are assessed separately.

If you are interested in any further details, please contact us on: mwpcf@global-proficiency.com

Upcoming Rounds

We have a busy few months ahead of us with a variety of rounds being despatched in February and March. These upcoming rounds include:

- LipidChek Round 2
- VeriTest Antimicrobials Round 2
- WaterChek Chemistry Potable Water Round 3 & Effluent Round 4
- VeriTest Cultured Products Round 2
- MilkChek Round 2 & 3
- Fruit Juice Round 3
- VeriTest UHT Round 2 (UMS only), & Round 3 (UMT)
- NurtureChek Round 3 & 4
- MWPF Round 3 & 4
- DairyChek Round 3
- HoneyChek Round 3
- VeriTest Cream Round 3
- SoilChek and PlantChek Rounds 5 & 6

If interested in enrolling or have any questions, please contact:

enquiries@global-proficiency.com

Wrap Up of 2021

The Global Proficiency team hopes all of our customers got a opportunity to take a break over the holiday season to spend with friends and family while recharging the batteries. We would like to wish all of our customers the best for 2022.

The team ensured that we ended 2021 on a high note by having a team picnic and getting very competitive in some outdoor games including teams pairing up for rounds of Kubb, while others were competing individually in the game of Petanque.

The team decided to give back to our local community by taking a collection to donate food and other pet related items to our local SPCA. The SPCA were very surprised and grateful for the donation which they said would be a huge help to their operations. See a picture of our awesome team effort below.



Meet The Team



Thomas has been with Global Proficiency since 2017, starting out as Dairy Programme Support and becoming a Programme Leader in 2021. Prior to joining the company, he spent a number of years working in a commercial testing laboratory.

While not at work, Thomas enjoys spending time with his wife and three children, doing DIY, reading or playing music.

Reference / QC Materials

Certified reference material certificates contain values that are certified—which means they have the highest level of confidence that the stated value, and the associated uncertainty, are correct. The uncertainty contains all known variables that can contribute to the range within which the “true” value is likely to lie.

Did you know that not all values that accompany a certified reference material are certified?

The certificate should clearly state which values are certified and which are not. In many cases, only a few of the values provided are certified. It's up to the user to be aware of the difference and that it may affect the fitness-for-purpose of the material purchased.

For information on our CRM please visit:

www.global-proficiency.com/crms

Customer Survey

We are preparing to undertake our annual customer survey of our proficiency testing programmes due to be released mid February. We would greatly appreciate your time to complete the survey and provide feedback on the services we offer.

There is a chance to win \$100 gift card of your choice for completing the survey!

If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact us at:

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We would like thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to hearing your feedback.



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