



Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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Beverage QCMs

We have wine, fruit juice and carbonated drinks Quality Control Materials (QCMs) available.

We offer sample sizes of

- 750mL red and white wines
- 350mL orange & apple juices
- 330-375mL carbonated drinks (soda & alcoholic)

Test lists cover most of the routine chemistry tests.

Water QCMs

We have recently been asked by a client to produce a Potable Water Trace Metals QCM.

This is a 200mL sample, available with a 6 month expiry from the Potable PT round due date.

If interested, please enquire for the list of trace metals included.

Order RMs/QCMs

For a complete list of the current available RM and QCM, please visit our website:

www.global-proficiency.com/reference-and-qc-materials/

HoneyChek

The HoneyChek Programme is now offered three times per year, with the next round scheduled for delivery on 7 July.

A reminder to our HoneyChek customers, if you pre-register and purchase multiple sets, the additional sets in each round are available at a reduced price.

Extra sets can be useful for optimising methods or training technicians.

Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of this offer so we can update your registration for the upcoming rounds.

If you are interested in purchasing a QCM we have one available, please enquire for further details.

Contact us at:

honeychek@global-proficiency.com

IANZ Assessment

With our business being an accredited Proficiency Testing Provider and Reference Material Producer, we are required to undergo annual assessments to ensure adherence to the standards we operate to.

These are undertaken by International Accreditation of New Zealand (IANZ), and this year, as our assessments were originally scheduled for late March on-site (during Covid-19 lockdown), we had them switched to remote assessments held in May.

This was a new experience for us and we are pleased with the assessment process and the good result achieved by our team.

This provides confidence to our customers that our programmes and products continue to meet the stringent requirements of the international standards.

Upcoming Rounds

Round 6

- Meat, Water, Pathogens, Food (RLP)
- SoilChek
- WaterChek Chemistry (Basic)
- LipidChek (Oil)
- MilkChek
- VeriTest® Milk
- DairyChek
- MilkChek
- VeriTest® UHT Products
- BactoChek

Multiple Lab Rating Summary Report

A report which is not part of our standard ILCP service is the **Multiple Laboratory Rating Summary**.

It is particularly useful for personnel who are managing multiple laboratories participating in a single round, or may also be useful for those managing single laboratories who participate in several categories or submit several report numbers.

For selected laboratories, categories, tests and report numbers, the report summarises the following information in a single document:

- Laboratory submitted result
- Laboratory submitted method
- Sample mean
- Sample median
- Number of results
- Normalised difference
- Rating

The summary is provided as an excel file which allows for easy analysis and filtering of information.

It can be provided one-off or regularly for rounds in which the laboratories participate. There is an additional cost for this report.

To enquire or request this report, please contact the relevant Programme Leader.

Meet The Team

Catherine Richards has worked for Global Proficiency for 12 years and is our International logistics Coordinator. She spent the first decade of her working life in medical laboratory technology but now enjoys the challenges of airfreighting our proficiency testing materials all around the world.

In her spare time she enjoys traveling and (so far unsuccessfully) begging her husband for a Boston Terrier puppy.



Training Materials

The 2020 Global Proficiency Customer Survey highlighted the requirement for training materials.

Those who expressed an interest in learning more about our programme have now been contacted with appropriate materials available such as:

- Programme Guides
- VP Plus Training Guides
- Online Data Entry video
- Statistics and Reporting Guides (ND or Z-score)

In addition we have been busy developing new on-demand videos. One has information about the 'Update Details' function in VP Plus, and the other about statistical and report interpretation.

Keep an eye out for these in the coming months!

Covid-19

With the recent change in Covid-19 alert level in New Zealand, staff were given the option to return to the office. Those who remain working from home continue to provide a high level of service and are preparing to return when remaining restrictions are lifted.

We will continue with our thorough on-site sanitation procedures and safety measures to keep our staff and customers safe.

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We provide proficiency testing services to 750 laboratories in 80 countries worldwide.

We are also available for tailored proficiency trials and/or ring trials for your laboratory.

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