

Designated ILCP for Recognised Laboratories

For those Laboratories recognised by the Ministry for Primary Industries as 'Animal Products Act Recognised Laboratories', there are mandatory requirements for participation in designated Inter-laboratory Comparison Programmes (ILCP) for all products, tests and in many cases, test methods for which the laboratory is recognised for.

Official tests in each designated ILCP are detailed in Schedule 1 of the [Animal Products Notice: Recognised Laboratories \(mpi.govt.nz\)](#) and cover the Potable/Suitable Water, Meat & Poultry, Fish and Pathogen Comparative programmes. Schedule 1 also lists the participation requirements that must be followed for all Designated ILCP tests. A summary is included here, but it is recommended that the above-mentioned document is consulted for full details of requirements.

Designated Inter-Laboratory Comparison Programmes Requirements

- **Potable Water Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 6

Laboratories can meet requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's WaterChek Microbiology Potable Water PT scheme.

- **Potable Water Chemistry** - minimum number of rounds per year: 2

Laboratories can meet requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's WaterChek Chemistry Potable Water PT scheme.

- **Meat and Poultry Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 11

Laboratories can meet requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's VeriTest® Meat Microbiology PT scheme.

- **Fish Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 4

Laboratories can meet requirements by participating in one, or both, of Global Proficiency's Food Microbiology and Shellfish Microbiology PT schemes.

- **Pathogens Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 2

Laboratories can meet requirements by participating in the applicable Global Proficiency's PathoGen PT schemes:

- *Salmonella & Listeria monocytogenes*
- STEC (including *E. coli* O157:H7)
- *Campylobacter* Enumeration
- *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

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