MPTA Qualifications Structure - Milking





NZMPTA Certificate in Milking Machine Testing

Qualification: Registered Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate





MMTC – 7 days (residential in Palmerston North)

Milking Machine Testing Course

Details:

This qualification comprises 12 hours of pre-course work, a seven day residential course, plus 12 hours of post course work. It is <u>compulsory</u> that this qualification be completed by those attending the courses making up the 'Advanced Certificate in Milking Machine Testing' It is <u>preferred</u> that this course is completed by those attending the courses making up the "Certificate in Mastitis & Milk Quality Advisor" qualification.

NZMPTA Advanced Certificate in Milking Machine Testing

Qualification: Registered Milking Machine Advanced Testing Certificate



REFR – 2 days (residential in Palmerston North)

Milking Machine Testing Refresher

Details:

- Generic Test Refresher theory session powerpoint plus Q & A
- Non-generic test methods powerpoint and Q & A
- Known issues and solutions plus reading interactions powerpoint and Q & A
- Test Reports Common faults and misconceptions powerpoint
- Variable Speed Test 2 hours practical with tutor observing
- Complete a generic test 2 hours practical with tutor observing

NOTE: Refresher course is not required if a current Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate is held



MLST - 3 days (Regional)

Mastitis & Liner Selection including Troubleshooting

Details:

- Liner Features and measurements 4 hours
- Liner selection 3 hours
- Mastitis and mastitis management 1 day
- Milking management ½ day
- In-milk testing ½ day
- Post Course –Submit a field study where a mastitis problem has been investigated and potential solutions offered. Show mastitis / SCC levels pre and post recommendations and offer further insights where necessary e.g. what next if problem is not resolved.



CEMD – 3 days (residential in Palmerston North)

Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery

Details:

- Introduction to the Basis of a Good Cleaning System
- Physical factors that affect cleaning (Turbulence)
- Different Cleaning Systems
- Milking Machine Cleaning Programmes
- Procedures for cleaning using different cleaning systems
- Evaluating CIP and bulk milk tank cleaning systems
- Lines, unions, valves, drains and rubber components
- Pumps and pump performance, pump controllers
- Air purge / milk sweep systems, milk filtration and plate heat exchanges
- System evaluation
- Post Course Carry out a full milk delivery and cleaning evaluation

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NZMPTA Certificate in Mastitis & Milk Quality Advisor

Qualification: Registered Mastitis & Milk Quality Advisor Certificate



MQGT - 2 days

Milk Quality & Grade Troubleshooting

Details:

- Dairy Milk Quality Standards / Regulations 1 hour
- Bacterial Grading Problems what is the significance of each type 1 hour
- Other grading problems water, inhibitory substances, senses, DDE 1 hour
- Solving grading problems (theory) ½ day
- Solving grading problems (practical) 1 day
- Other troubleshooting tools and systems 1 hour
- Post Course –Submit a field study where a grading problem has been investigated and potential solutions offered. Show test levels pre and post recommendation and offer further insights where necessary e.g. what next if problem is not resolved.



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NZMPTA Dairy Diagnostics Specialist

Qualification: Registered Dairy Diagnostics Specialist Certificate

Details:

This qualification requires the completion of all five of the above mentioned courses plus a one day Stray Voltage course. Those who have successfully completed all of these requirements shall have an in-depth understanding of the milking machine function and will be able to troubleshoot and give recommendations on issues relating to milking machinery performance and associated milk grades.