

Requirements for Milking Machine Tester Registration

There are various requirements for different stages of Tester Registration and the process for each is described below.

For new Testers:

Upon, successful completion of the Milking Machine Testing course, including all of the pre and post-course modules, the Tester will be granted a Provisional Tester Licence for a period of 12 months from the course date. This Provisional Licence allows the Tester to complete only six correct tests to be submitted for marking to have their Registered Tester status and Practising Certificate awarded. Initially, the Tester should submit only their **first** machine test for marking. Once that is marked as correct, the marker will request another five tests be submitted. If six correct tests are not received for marking within 12 months of attending the initial testing course, the Provisional Licence will be revoked and the Tester will be required to undertake the MPTA online Milking Machine Testing Re-training before the Provisional Licence can be extended for another period of 12 months for the purpose of completing and submitting six correct tests for marking. Note: the post-course Student Workbook: On-Job Evidence issued on the course must be completed and returned before the Tester's Registered Tester status will be awarded, and before the Certificate of Achievement for the course will be issued.

For existing Testers whose Registration is about to expire:

Testers whose Practising Certificate is still current but about to expire and who wish to be re-certified are required to submit six recent tests for marking **two months prior** to the expiry date of their Practising Certificate. This should enable an uninterrupted continuance of their Registered Tester status and Practising Certificate renewal.

For existing Testers whose Registration has just expired:

Testers with Practising Certificates that have recently expired who wish to be re-certified will need to apply to MPTA to have a Provisional Tester Licence issued which will allow the Tester to complete only six full machine tests to be sent in for marking in order to have their Registered Tester Status re-instated. The tenure of the extended certification shall be for a one-off period of 6 months. If the six tests are not received for marking during this timeframe then the Tester will be required to undertake the MPTA online Milking Machine Testing Re-training before submitting their six tests for marking.

For Testers whose Registration has lapsed prior to 1st March 2022:

If a Tester's Milking Machine Testing Practising Certificate has lapsed prior to 01/03/2022, the Tester will be required to undertake the full 5-day MPTA ISO Milking Machine Testing course and submit six correct machine tests for marking before their Registered Tester status can be re-instated.

Requirements for sending in Milking Machine Test Reports for marking

The following requirements apply to all Milking Machine Test Reports sent in for marking:

- Six complete and correct reports are required to assess your testing ability.
- In the case of new Testers who have recently completed the Milking Machine Testing training course the following applies:
 - 1) Initially only **the first** test report is to be submitted for marking. Once the initial test is marked as satisfactory, the marker will request an additional 5 tests to complete the marking process.
 - 2) the first six tests must be submitted in handwritten format, all tests after that may be completed in either handwritten or electronic format (i.e. AutoRep Plus).
 - 3) The post-course Student Workbook: On-Job Evidence issued on the course must be completed, signed by the workplace supervisor, and returned to admin@trainingcentric.co.nz before the Tester's Milking Machine Testing Practising Certificate will be issued.
- All pulsators must be tested, recorded and the data submitted with machine test reports for marking. Digital printouts must include rate and ratio values for each pulsator. Alternatively, only the faulty pulsator/s data can be reported on the Pulsation System Result sheet and submitted with the machine tests for marking.
- Of the six tests sent in for marking, no two can be from the same milking shed.
- The same test cannot be submitted by more than one Tester.
- All tests must be less than 12 months old.
- Any farm dairy owner / manager may be contacted to verify that the test has been carried out by the Tester.
- **All** Milking Machine Tests must include recordings of the Vacuum Regulation Characteristics.
- Include one passport style (head & shoulders) photograph to be used on the new Practising Certificate ID card - e-mail to info@nzmpa.co.nz. A photo taken on a smart phone, against a plain background, and emailed should be sufficient for this requirement.
- The fee to have your tests marked is \$150.00 + gst and will be invoiced once we receive your Test Reports, or the first Test Report for new registrations.
- Please email your test reports, accompanying pulsation data and photo to info@nzmpa.co.nz or post to:
MPTA, P O Box 10514, Te Rapa, Hamilton 3241
(Note: if posting tests, please only send photocopies of the reports and pulsation data as they can sometimes get lost in the post.)