

Requirements for Milking Machine Tester Registration

There are various requirements for different stages of 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 shall be issued with a Certificate of Achievement and will be approved as a provisional Registered Tester. The tester will then be required to submit their **first** machine test for marking within one week of the test being completed. Another five complete tests must be submitted for marking within 12 months of the testing course date. If the six tests are not received for marking within 12 months of attending the initial testing course, the tester's provisional Registered Tester status will be revoked and they will be required to undertake a Milking Machine Testing Refresher course before again being approved as a provisional Registered Tester for another period of 12 months and going through the six test marking process.

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 NZ MPTA to have their Practising Certificate provisionally extended 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 a Refresher Training course will be required.

For testers whose Registration has lapsed for more than two years:

If a tester's Milking Machine Testing Practising Certificate has lapsed for a period of more than two years, the tester will be required to undertake a Milking Machine Testing Refresher course before having their Practising Certificate provisionally re-issued for a period of 12 months 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.

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. (Note: please only send photocopies of test reports as they are not returned to the tester).
- In the case of new Testers who have recently completed the Milking Machine Testing training course, only **one** test report is to be submitted for marking initially. Once the marker has marked that test as satisfactory, they will request an additional five tests to complete the marking process. A minimum of three of the first six tests submitted must be in handwritten format, the remaining three tests may be either in handwritten or electronic format.
- All pulsators must be tested and recorded and digital printouts must include rate and ratio values for each pulsator. Please attach to your test papers sent in for marking all of the pulsator recordings for each machine tested.
- Of the six tests sent in for marking, no two can be from the same milking shed.
- All tests must be less than 12 months old.
- At least one farm dairy owner will 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 or e-mail one passport style (head & shoulders) photograph to be used on your new Practising Certificate ID card. E-mail to info@nzmpa.co.nz. A photo taken on a smart phone and emailed should be sufficient for this requirement.
- The fee to have your tests marked is \$125.00 + gst and will be invoiced once we receive your Test Reports, or the first Test Report for new registrations.
- Please send your Test Reports, accompanying pulsation data and photo to:
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