

Training Report for MPTA AGM 18/03/2025

2024 Course Activity: Due to a surge in the uptake of participants on our Small Drinking Water Supplies course (72 pax compared to just 9 pax in 2023) the overall number of people we trained in 2024 is 44% on the previous year. We are extremely grateful for the expertise and input from Deborah Prus-Loughlin, and White International, who have been championing the upgraded Small Drinking Water Supplies course for us and, in doing so, have elevated this course to our 2nd biggest earner last year. Overall, income from all of our courses combined for last year is up 10% in 2023.

In 2024 the following training was undertaken:

Course	# of participants	\$ revenue (excl. gst & exps)
6 x Small Drinking Water Supplies	72	\$ 60,105.00
5 x Milking Machine Testing	40	\$ 118,530.00
1 x Milking Block Course (Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis & Liner Selection & Stray Voltage)	9	\$ 18,900.00
Milk Quality for Deosan	6	\$ 5,000.00
2 x Pump Selection	16	\$ 13,375.00
1 x Farm Water Reticulation	7	\$ 10,000.00
1 x Farm Dairy Effluent Hydraulic Design	3	\$ 3,920.00
Stray Voltage Online	1	\$ 325.00
Liner Selection Online	4	\$ 1,150.00
Intro to Milking Machine Testing Online	13	\$ 3,670.00
	171	\$ 234,975.00

In December we launched the NZMPTA Water Industry Certificate of Recognition and we already have 80 people who have fully completed the online assessment and been awarded this certification which acknowledges the skills and experience of technicians working in the water-based pumping systems industry, particularly those with many years of practical experience. This is offered free of charge and if you, or any of your staff, are eligible and would like to partake then please let us know.

Looking to the Future:

Training is essential for the industry, both for our apprentices who have just started out and for those with many years of practical experience who may need to keep up to date with skills or who would like an industry recognised certification.

We are continuing our investment in converting three of our existing courses (Milking Machine Testing, Farm Dairy Systems Management and Small Drinking Water Supplies) into NZQA

micro-credentials which are small, stand-alone awards that are listed on the NZQA Framework.

On the resurgence of the Small Drinking Water Supplies course we are considering whether we should invest in and develop a Level 4 skills-based 2-day Water Treatment training course and are gauging if there is sufficient interest for this.

There are currently 61 active apprentices and we have had over 30 apprentices fully complete their qualification, The withdrawal of the Government Funding for apprentices will come into consideration for employers deciding on taking on an apprentice – the new funding scenario is that the Government funding will cover study fees up to a total of \$12,000 for the last 24 months of the apprenticeship qualification, however, this is only paid on completion of the entire apprenticeship qualification. The Government wage subsidy of \$500 /month has also been dropped for our apprentices.

For our training to be successful it is crucial that we have the support from our Members by placing participants on courses. Our courses are designed with our Member's and the industry's needs in mind. Thank you to those Members who have supported our training courses over the past years, and I look forward to continued Member support in the future.



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