

Training Report for MPTA AGM 25/03/2026

Overview

Training participation in 2025 decreased slightly compared with the previous year. Total course participants declined by 20 people (11.5%), while training revenue decreased by \$10,680 (4.5%).

The reduction is largely attributable to lower enrolment in the Small Drinking Water Supplies course, which experienced unusually high participation in 2024 when one organisation enrolled 46 staff members in that year.

2025 Training Delivery

Course	# of participants	\$ revenue (excl. gst & exps)
4 x Milking Machine Testing	37	\$ 114,495.00
2 x Milking Block Course (Cleaning Evaluation, Milk Delivery, Milk Quality, Mastitis & Liner Selection & Stray Voltage)	15	\$ 26,530.00
Milk Quality for Deosan	6	\$ 5,000.00
Milk Systems for Fonterra	10	\$ 3,500.00
4 x Small Drinking Water Supplies	35	\$ 32,490.00
2 x Pump Selection	18	\$ 17,900.00
1 x Farm Water Reticulation	7	\$ 9,120.00
1 x Farm Dairy Effluent Hydraulic Design	8	\$ 11,340.00
Stray Voltage Online	1	\$ 350.00
Liner Selection Online	2	\$ 475.00
Intro to Milking Machine Testing Online	12	\$ 3,095.00
	151	\$ 224,295.00

Course Development

We have completed our investment in converting three existing courses into NZQA-recognised micro-credentials, providing participants with formal, stand-alone awards listed on the NZQA Framework. The courses now recognised as micro-credentials are:

- Milking Machine Testing
- Farm Dairy Systems Management
- Small Drinking Water Supplies
- Plus, Selecting the Right Pump which was awarded micro-credential status in 2023

Apprenticeship Programme

The apprenticeship programme remains active and continues to support industry workforce development.

- Over 70 apprentices are currently active in the programme.
- More than 50 apprentices have successfully completed their qualification to date.

Water Industry Certificate of Recognition

In December 2024, the NZMPTA Water Industry Certificate of Recognition was launched. The certificate recognises the skills and experience of technicians working within the water-based pumping systems industry, particularly those with extensive practical experience.

- 156 individuals have completed the online assessment and been awarded certification.
- The certification is offered free of charge to eligible industry participants.

Industry Training Importance

Industry training remains essential for supporting both:

- New entrants, such as apprentices beginning their careers, and
- Experienced technicians, who require opportunities to update skills and obtain industry-recognised credentials.

The success of the training programme relies heavily on ongoing support from members through enrolling staff in courses. Training offerings continue to be designed to meet the evolving needs of both members and the wider industry.

Acknowledgement

We thank those members who have supported training initiatives over the past year and look forward to continued engagement and participation in our training programmes.



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