

Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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Happy Holidays

The Global Proficiency team would like to wish all our customers a safe holiday season and a happy New Year!

At this time of year Global Proficiency closes for the holiday period. **The dates for each of our offices** are as follows:

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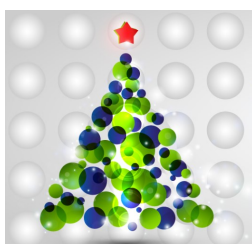
- **Final orders:** Monday 19 December 2022 (2pm)
- **Closed:** Friday 23 December 2022
- **Open:** Monday 9 January 2023

Australia (Tullamarine)

- **Final orders:** Wednesday 14 December 2022 (1.30pm)
- **Closed:** Friday 23 December 2022
- **Open:** Monday 16 January 2023

We would like to thank all of our customers for your ongoing support, and to those taking some leave, we hope you have a safe and restful break.

We look forward to working with you in 2023.



HoneyChek

Mānuka Honey is a premium product, with a high consumer demand. Mānuka honey claims special antibacterial properties that come from a complex collection of natural compounds called the Unique Mānuka Factors (UMF™). As a result of the high premium paid for Mānuka honey, an increasing number of products labelled as such, are adulterated or counterfeit. Therefore, to ensure consumer confidence and product authenticity, honey testing is vital. Consumers require a high level of trust in the product, so are also demanding proof that the labs performing the testing can demonstrate their competence in producing accurate results.

Global Proficiency's HoneyChek programme offers a full range of tests for checking authenticity of Mānuka honey. Our reports will provide you with the desired feedback on the level of performance for each round you participate in as well as a historical data. They are the best tool you can use to provide on-going assurance to your customers, or auditors of your testing capabilities.



Upcoming Rounds

Please see below our upcoming rounds for December 2022 and January 2023.

December 2022

- MilkChek (Rd 12)
- VeriTest® UHT Products (Rd 12)
- PlantChek (Rd 2 for 2023)
- SoilChek (Rd 3 for 2023)

January 2023

- BeverageChek (Rd 1)
- DairyChek (Rd 1)
- FertChek (Rd 2)
- MilkChek (Rd 1)
- MWPF (Rd 1)
- Pathogens (Rd 2)
- VeriTest® Food (Rd 2)
- VeriTest® UHT Products (Rd 1)
- WaterChek Micro (Rd 2)
- WaterChek Chem (Rd 2)

If you are interested in participating please contact us at:

registrations@global-proficiency.com



Registrations for 2023

We would like to thank all of our customers who have confirmed registrations for 2023. If you have any questions or are yet to register please get in contact with us today so we can help organise this for you. Please email: registrations@global-proficiency.com



Meet The Team



Shaun joined Global Proficiency back in 2017. Shaun has worked in both Australia and Ireland and has sixteen years experience in despatch and logistics roles.

Shaun started full time study in 2017 and completed a Bachelor of Social Science degree (major in Labour Studies) in 2019.

Outside of work Shaun is an avid mountain biker and does spend a lot of time outdoors riding in some the best locations in New Zealand and particularly enjoys exploring the Rotorua area.

Microbiological Inter-laboratory QC Materials (QCM)

Global Proficiency has recently reviewed procedures for the characterisation of its “Microbiological Inter-laboratory Quality-Control Materials” and is pleased to report we now have the capability to provide a larger number of product types and batches to our customers and are continuing work to expand our offerings.

Our Microbiological Inter-laboratory QCM’s are produced using data from a single Proficiency Testing round and are a good way to obtain samples to support your QC programme using the latest data available. The Data Summaries accompanying the QCM’s provide the **assigned value**, which is the consensus mean (outliers removed) of n results, with an associated **assigned range** which is 2 standard deviations of n values.

These materials may be used in several different ways including ongoing monitoring of your testing process including media evaluations, training, and method comparisons, for example.

Please refer to our website for our lists of available Micro QCM’s: www.global-proficiency.com/microbiologicalqcm If the QCM you are wanting is not listed, please contact us as we may be able to characterise one from a recent Inter-laboratory proficiency round.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

