

Stacking up the stats - IANZ assessments in 2020

In amongst a year of challenges, it's always nice to look back on how far we've come...or in the case of IANZ, how far we've travelled!

Take a look at some of our key statistics from the year that was within Team IANZ.

THE YEAR THAT WAS IANZ IN REVIEW 2020

NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS PERFORMED

>650

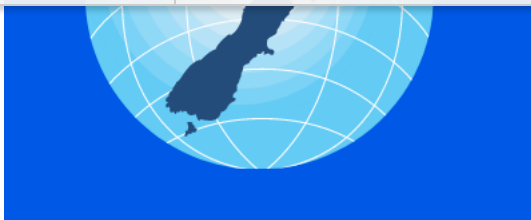
While Covid-19 certainly brought its challenges to both our clients and ourselves, protecting the health and wealth of New Zealand is a job that never stops!

MODES OF TRANSPORT USED



Because our clients are based all across New Zealand, and beyond, it often requires several different modes of transport to get to where we need to be!





clients across New Zealand and worldwide! However not all of these could be travelled to in 2020...

NEW STAFF THAT HAVE JOINED TEAM IANZ

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LAB

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We were lucky enough to gain three new staff members for Team IANZ in 2020, for the Medical Laboratory, Laboratory and Medical Imaging Services programmes!



THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2020



The Wool Industry in New Zealand has faced a range of ups and downs throughout its history, with high points like the Wool Boom of 1951, one of the greatest economic booms in the history of New Zealand, and the more recent development of high value Merino products, through to the lows of the current prices for Crossbred wools and the effects of COVID-19 on the value of high-end fine wools.

Despite these ups and downs, what has always shone through with the Wool industry in New Zealand is the quality of the product we produce. Our Crossbred wool, with its lack of black fibres, is the finest in the world and ultra-fine Merino wools produced here are becoming the bench mark for such products. We also have world standard degree of expertise in New Zealand, from the growers that produce the wool through to the wool brokers and buyers, and the laboratories who test the wool.

A key advantage for wool exporters is that all wool sold at auction in New Zealand is tested at an accredited testing laboratory, which measures commercially important features, so wool can be supplied to meet buyer specifications. These testing laboratories are licensed by the International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO) to issue IWTO test certificates, the “gold standard” in the industry. These wool-testing laboratories have to be accredited to be licensed and will be assessed annually by the local accreditation body, which is where IANZ fits into the industry.

IANZ has been involved in the accreditation of both currently licensed testing laboratories since 1990, with the 30th anniversary of accreditation for both organisations having just passed. The test houses are responsible for overseeing the core sampling from bales, which are used for determining wool yield, as well as grab sampling too. The tests performed by the laboratories are a fascinating mixture ranging from instrumental techniques for measuring wool grease through to large processing systems for combing and carding wool, and then testing for physical characteristics.

IANZ has always been proud of its association with the Wool industry, and specifically with the testing laboratories, so here's to another 30 years and what will hopefully be brighter for days for the Industry.

Michael Vercoe – Programme Specialist Chemical and Biological Programme



NZQC to launch online courses

The ability to study anywhere, at any time, has opened up a world of possibilities to learners, and presenters, worldwide. With staffing numbers often tight within departments, and a subsequent inability to release staff for a full/multiday training session, the opportunity to instead complete lectures and learning modules when best suits them is invaluable in providing the greatest learning benefit for each participant.

NZQC has been quietly working behind the scenes for some time now towards creating an online platform that will cater to the diverse training needs of quality professionals. This is part of the wider NZQC strategy to not only make learning more accessible and convenient for all but also broaden the scope of courses offered towards specific introductory, professional development and technical courses not otherwise covered in the face to face courses.

First up is the development of a course to assist the team of more than 3000 Technical Experts within IANZ in what to expect throughout an accreditation assessment and the skills necessary to feel confident in the role.

While it's 'business as usual' for now, NZQC is excited to be bringing their online training academy to you in 2021 so make sure you stay tuned for updates!

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ONLINE COURSES](#)



Christmas wishes from NZQC

NZQC wishes a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays to everyone out there especially to all who have trained with us this year. This year has brought many changes for everyone and it has been no different for NZQC. We will continue to hold some of our courses virtually next year, as we acknowledge this as a preferred option for many who would like to get training that way.

We will also be running in-house courses next year where we can come and deliver training to you on your site making it significantly cost-effective for your organisation to train your teams. So if you have more than 5 staff that you think would like training, get in touch with us to see how we can help!

Our calendar for 2021 is ready for download - [click here](#).

Make sure you get in quick to take advantage of our early bird discounts as some courses are filling up fast.

Once again, thanks for working with us. Wishing you all a prosperous 2021!

Stay safe out there and see you next year.

NZQC Management

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