

# WHY SEEK ACCREDITATION?

IANZ ACCREDITATION – Independent assurance of competence



IANZ accreditation helps businesses and organisations throughout New Zealand in three key ways, by providing:

- Independent recognition of competence
- Practical management of risk
- Financial benefits (including reduced legal challenges and reduced costs for rework)

## BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION



### COMPETENCE

- Independent assurance that staff members are competent and consistent in their roles
- Improved organisational efficiency and outputs
- Highlights gaps in capability, enabling existing staff to be upskilled or additional expertise to be employed



### RISK MANAGEMENT

- Improved knowledge of legal and technical responsibilities
- Awareness of non-compliance and ability to take immediate action
- Reduction in customer complaints
- Consistently reliable results
- Ability to withstand legal challenges



### COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

- Improvements in productivity, decision-making and quality of work
- Lower compliance costs (do it once and know it's right)
- Easier access for exporters to international markets

# EXAMPLES OF ACCREDITATION

Laboratories analysing dangerous organisms, such as tuberculosis or PSA kiwifruit disease, need to be constantly vigilant. It is vital they comply with safe handling regulations and IANZ accreditation provides confidence in their processes.

Thanks to IANZ accreditation, patients using New Zealand's 60 accredited radiology practices can rely on their X-rays and scans being completed and assessed by qualified and competent medical staff.

Building Consent Authorities (BCAs) must have proper systems in place to meet regulatory obligations. IANZ accreditation gives assurance the building consents issued are technically valid and the buildings themselves conform with the New Zealand building code. Clients have said the money saved in legal challenges alone more than covers the cost of the IANZ accreditation fee.



Of IANZ's new clients in the past 10 years, 62% had no quality systems in place before seeking accreditation. Many said they had no idea whether or not they met their legal and technical obligations. At least a third offered no formal training or professional development for their staff either.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information about gaining accreditation, or to find out which companies and organisations already have IANZ accreditation, go to:

[www.ianz.govt.nz](http://www.ianz.govt.nz)



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