

R&D Snapshot

APIQ[✓]® Witness Audits 2013–14

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Purpose:

- Evaluation of auditor competence and skill in conducting APIQ[✓]® audits
- Identify opportunities for improvement to skills and competence as the basis of annual training
- Build consistency across the auditing team.

Take home messages:

- The project included 14 audits conducted between October 2013 and June 2014
- Early Audits were conducted against APIQ[✓]® Standards Version 3.3 3/2013 while later audits were conducted against APIQ[✓]® Standards Version 3.4 1/2014. The different versions require no variation to audit process
- Ongoing improvement was noted in all areas of auditing, indicating that annual training provided to auditors by APIQ Management (APIQM) in association with AUS-MEAT has been effective in improving the skills, habits and processes of each auditor. Improvement has been identified against each Opportunity for Improvement (OI) identified in the 2013 Witness Audit Report
- All registered auditors were assessed competent through the witness audit process.

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