

Memo: Introduction to the course on quality controlling climate data

Welcome to this course on quality controlling climate data. The idea behind the modules of this course is to first see if Met Technicians all understand the aspects around quality controlling data. Secondly that Met Technicians all quality control data in the same manner. This will ensure that the data we provide to our clients is of a similar high standard. The modules also provide the Met Technician with an opportunity to learn more about the tools available to quality control data. The pass mark for these modules is 80% and we hope that all Met Technicians will complete module 1 and 2 before 15 May 2013. By completing I mean passing the modules with more than 80% not just attempting them.

During 2014 we will be adding more modules to this course. One will be on reading graphs and then we want to develop modules around each of the different weather elements. So there will be a module around quality controlling temperature data, wind gust data and so on. This will provide for focused attention on the different elements thus improving the quality control of each of these elements.

If you have any areas that you find challenging with regards to quality controlling climate data or an example where you would like more information on quality controlling this aspect please feel free to send an email to Mrs. Charlotte McBride in this regard. We can then look at working this into a Moodle module and in so doing improve our data quality control practices. If you have a challenge in an area related to the quality control of climate data you can bet others have too. We can thus all learn from each other and in so doing live out the principle of our Total Quality Management System of continues improvement.

We hope you enjoy doing this course as much as we have putting it together.

Kind Regards
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