

Datamax M-4206 and the Practical Education Training Centre

The importance of Education cannot be stressed enough in today's society but little thought goes into what goes on in the background of New Zealand education providers to ensure they provide an efficient service.

Just think what would happen if those important assessments were lost and could not be traced?

The Practical Education Training Centre (PETC) located in New Plymouth New Zealand has introduced a system to ensure that this won't happen. PETC provides a variety of distance learning courses, which involve sending out a large volume of assessments to students and monitoring their return.

When sending out assessments PETC originally used address labels printed in sheets through a laser printer. This did not allow for traceability and labels were printed on sheets that could be smudged.

When receiving assignments back from students PETC had a manual system. As with many manual systems there is always the danger of human error. With the manual system if a file was misplaced then there was no way of proving that it was actually received. But, with the help of Walker Datavision and Datamax's M-4206 printers, PETC was able to implement a faster and more reliable system. With the new system PETC prints an address label from their database that now includes a corresponding barcode for traceability. This label is attached to all assessments before being sent out to students. Once completed, students then return their assessments with a label attached allowing it to be scanned back into PETC's system upon arrival.

With the new system PETC can monitor when an assessment comes in, who is marking it, and how long this process took. This allows PETC to ensure that its turnaround is within timeframes.

"Not only does the new system increase accuracy in the whole process it also saves time, allowing the team at PETC to process more assessments internally than they ever could with the old system" says Lester Gulliver, Utilities Administrator.

Mike Hook who works with the printer on a daily basis can't fault it and is amazed by its speed. Originally, when distributing an assignment, Mike used to print labels through a laser printer. "Previously the labels were printed on a sheet rather than a roll and this proved to be more time consuming than the system that is in place now. The old system also resulted in some labels becoming easily smudged due to the moist environment. With the new Datamax M-Class printer there have been no problems with smudging and the clarity is excellent".

Once Mike settled into a routine with the new printer he has found it to be more efficient than the old system as it is much quicker to transfer a label onto an assessment using the labels from the M-Class printer.

Walker Datavision was able to provide the Datamax M-4206 printer that makes this system work. This printer meets both the present and potential needs of PETC and has proven to be easy to use by the staff. With a reliable and hardworking printer like the M Class PETC is able to maintain a system that keeps everyone happy.

Walker Datavision is the New Zealand reseller partner for Datamax and together with our team of Labelling Solution consultants can provide the best printing solution to meet your requirements.

