

# DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVP's)

Subject: Information on role, registration, training and authorisation of a Certification Support Officer (CSO) providing support to a DAERA authorised Private Veterinary (aPVP).

## Certification Support Officer (CSO)

### Purpose

To advise all aPVPs of the role of a Certification Support Officer, including information on registration, training and authorisation which is available on the DAERA website.

### Information

A CSO may be employed by, or provide services to, a Certifying Officer who is a DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner (aPVP) in private veterinary practice/business in Northern Ireland, in relation to the official activity of Export Health Certification (EHC) and Support Health Attestation (SHA).

A CSO is a paraprofessional, and works under the direction of the aPVP. A CSO can gather and provide verification evidence to support an aPVP in the issue of a DAERA official EHC or SHA for **products of animal origin and animal by-products only**.

### Please Note

Support relating to **any other official activity** including official certification of germplasm and live animals is **excluded** from the CSO role.

Information on the CSO role, registration, training and authorisation process can be found on the DAERA website. For further details please click link below:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/certification-support-officer>

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