



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners with requirement to issue certification for Live Animals - Cattle and Sheep/Goats.

Subject: Trade Programme announce release of a new CAFRE online training module for Veterinarians to Certify Live Animals - Cattle and Sheep/Goats.

Purpose

This bulletin is to notify you that **a new training module has been developed and released by DAERA Trade Programme to provide the theoretical training for Official Certification in respect of Live Animals – Cattle and Sheep/Goats.** (Training is required by Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on **Official controls** and other **Official Activities: Certification is considered an Official Activity**).

This online training module is now available on the DAERA CAFRE Online (Moodle) platform. This training is a **compulsory** requirement for any appointed Official Veterinarian to deliver export certification for Cattle and Sheep/Goats. In addition, completion of the training is required to provide certification for the related activities of assessment of Export Isolation Facilities and to be a Nominated Veterinarian for an Export Assembly Centre.

Previously appointed “Authorised Veterinary Inspectors” are currently permitted to provide continued certification on the basis of grandfather rights, which have been permissible for a transition period to allow time for the development and completion of training. The core training requirement for certification, Module 1, General Principles of Certification, was released on 27th November 2020. The deadline to complete this training is **19th November 2021**. Therefore, those who wish to continue to provide Official Certification for Cattle Sheep and Goats, or indeed any official certification, are required, (as advised in ["aPVP Bulletin 10/21"](#)), to complete Module 1 of the Export Certification Training as soon as possible.

If you have any special circumstances which are likely to prevent you complying with this deadline you are requested to contact the Trade Programme to agree a suitable arrangement in advance.

In addition, there is now a requirement to complete this new training course which will satisfy the mandatory requirement of the Terms and Conditions for Authorisation for “refresher training”. This new module in Live Animal – Cattle/ Sheep/Goats training must be completed by Friday 17th March 2022.

New applicants to be appointed as Official Veterinarians must also complete the training requirements as indicated in the paragraph above, and also fulfil additional processes required for appointment. (These steps include completion of a declaration of Conflict of Interest and aPVP Authorisation Application Form which has been

countersigned if applicable by the clinical director or practice principle. Please see ["aPVP Bulletin 1/21"](#) for further detailed instructions.

Overview of Course Syllabus:

The course contains 5 presentations: Introduction, Part 1 Completion of a Live Animal Certificate, Welfare Assessment for Certification, General Disease and Identification Requirements for Animals and Species Specific Disease Requirements.

Each presentation is followed by a short 5 question knowledge review quiz designed to test general understanding of the topic. The pass mark for each assessment is 80%. The total duration of the Course is expected to take approx. 2.5hrs, and does not need to be completed in one sitting: you may stop and pick up again when it suits you. There is no charge for registration with CAFRE or to enrol and complete the training. The training will continue to be available for you to refer back to at any stage.

Registration with CAFRE Online: Accessing the Online Training

- If you are already registered with CAFRE Online you can access this training module and any other available modules immediately at the following link, [CAFRE Online: Log in to the site](#). If you have forgotten your password a reset option is available on the site.
- If you are a veterinary surgeon who wishes to apply to be appointed as an Official Veterinarian with authorisation for Live Animal Certification you can find further information in aPVP bulletin number 01/21 which was issued on 20th May 2021 and available at this [LINK](#). Further enquires can be sent to DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk. We will then provide you with instructions on how to access the online training. Please allow up to 1 week for this registration process to be completed.

Further training and links to information on the new Animal Health Law Certificates, which you will use in the completion of Export Health Certificates from 11th October 2021 will be available in due course.

Note: The Microsoft internet browser "Internet Explorer" struggles to host CAFRE Online and you may get an error message when opening a power point presentation using this browser. If this happens, you can still view the presentation by saving it first, the power point presentation will then open. Switching to the Microsoft browser "MS Edge" will resolve any issue.

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