



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: ALL DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners, including all previous Authorised Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs)

Subject: Requirement to complete application process and relevant training to maintain Certifying Officer status – extension of deadline to 30 January 2022

Purpose

This bulletin is to remind all private veterinary practitioners who issue official certification on behalf of DAERA, of the requirement to be retrained and authorised under the Official Control Regulations (EU Regulation 2017/625) to act in a Certifying Officer capacity.

Although many of you have already taken the necessary steps to renew your certification status there is, however, a considerable number of former Authorised Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs) who have not yet done so.

Trade Programme is aware that the recent changes arising from introduction of the new Animal Health Law certificates and TRACES NT have had a significant impact on the delivery of day to day certification work in veterinary practices.

It has been agreed, therefore, to extend the existing deadline for application and completion of training for those with existing grandfather rights arising from previous AVI status, from 19 November 2021 to 30 January 2022. This includes an extension to the deadline for completion of Module 1 (general principles) and Module 5 (pets and pet passports). Please see Table 1 below for more information.

This should enable all who require to renew and maintain their authorisation status to do so.

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Next Steps *(for those who have not already done so)*

1. **Complete an application form and CO information template and submit to DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk** These can be downloaded from:

[Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner Application Form](#)

NOTE: If you have submitted an application form prior to 20 May 2021, we respectfully ask you to further complete this revised application process. This is because additional information is required, including a copy of your original signature for retention as an anti-fraud measure.

On receipt of your application form we will register you on the CAFRE on line training course and send you joining instructions (if not already registered).

2. **Complete the training modules relevant to you by logging onto [CAFRE Online](#)**

The following modules are currently available.

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.

Table 1

Module	Commodity	Comment	Deadline <i>(only applicable to previous AVIs with previous authorisations)</i>
Module 1	General Certification	Mandatory for all certifying officers for all commodities <i>(If you have completed this since December 2020 there is no need to repeat this).</i>	30 January 2022
Module 2	Delivery of Support Health Attestations	As required	n/a
Module 3	Live Animal Certification: Cattle, Sheep and Goats	As required <i>(essential for Export Assembly Centre and Export Isolation Facilities work)</i>	17 March 2022
Module 5	Pet Certification and Pet Passports	As required	30 January 2022

Module 4 on TRACES NT is available for your information only. Completion is voluntary and does not result in an authorisation.



NOTE: These deadlines are only applicable to veterinary surgeons who were previously authorised as AVIs and who currently certify these commodities on the basis of grandfather rights. Deadlines are **not** applicable to new applicants.

- 3. Please let us know at DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk when you have completed all modules relevant to you. We will then issue you a letter of authorisation (and official stamp if required).**

NOTE: Further modules will become available in due course for other commodities such as pigs, poultry and equine live animals. If you have previous AVI status for commodities not listed in the table above, your existing grandfather rights will enable you to continue to certify these commodities until this training becomes available **but only if you have completed Module 1 by 30 January 2022. If not, all existing grandfather rights conferred by previous AVI status will be revoked.**

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