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Notification of an Extension to the Revalidation Deadline for Export OCQ(V)s

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Background

Following the agreement that sets out the rules that apply between the EU and the UK as of 1 January 2021 there is now more certainty on the requirements for veterinary export health certification to EU countries. Discussions to finalise the detailed requirements of these are ongoing and the OCQ(V) course content will be updated at the earliest opportunity.

Action

In the meantime, APHA have applied an extension to the revalidation deadline of any export course (AX, SX, CA, GX, PX, EQ, UX, EX) that was due to expire before 31 August 2021. All these courses will now have a revalidation deadline of 31 August 2021. OV's do not need to request this extension – it will be applied automatically.

The extension means that OV's may choose to wait until the updated courses are available before completing their revalidation. However, once OV's have enrolled on and/or completed a course, they continue to have access to it. Therefore, OV's who choose to revalidate before new information is available can return to view the updated content at any time.

APHA will notify all relevant OV's when the updates for each export course are available.

New information will continue to be disseminated via the Notes for Guidance (NFGs), APHA OV Briefing Notes, OV instructions and GOV.UK which OV's will need to refer to.

Further Information

- APHA OV Team CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk
- Improve International - <https://www.improve-ov.com>