



APHA Briefing Note 07/18

Introduction of Case Scenarios to the OCQ(V) TT Revalidation Course

Purpose

1. To inform OV's that from 10 May 2018 case scenarios will be introduced to the revalidation course for the OCQ(V) TT. Candidates will be able to opt to submit case logs as per the current course requirement or alternatively complete case scenarios as part of the course. In time the requirement to submit case logs will be removed.

Background

2. In 2017 following the block of revalidation for the OCQ(V)TT for those with grandfather rights, feedback from OV's indicated that the requirement to provide case logs as part of the revalidation process was onerous and not a useful or efficient demonstration of their ability to continue testing.

OV's considered that APHA should be able to monitor the numbers tested by individual OV's rather than require case logs to be submitted to demonstrate that sufficient cattle had been tested.

3. APHA along with the course provider, Improve International, have reviewed the course content in light of the feedback and agreed that the requirement to provide case logs can be replaced with scenarios along with a declaration that the required number of cattle have been tested.
4. From 10th May 2018 case scenarios will be added to the course and can be completed instead of the submission of case logs. Candidates will be given the option to complete either case logs or the scenarios. This will ensure that anyone that has already started or indeed completed case logs can still use them to complete the course.

5. Candidates will be given a choice of scenarios to complete. These will be typical situations that may occur at a TB test and candidates will be expected to provide detail of how they would manage these situations, including communications with farmers and APHA. This will enable candidates to demonstrate that their actions are well aligned to the required service delivery standards.
6. It is anticipated that the option to complete either case logs or scenarios will be available for 2 years from 10 May 2018 after which the case log option will be removed completely. However APHA will continue to review the course and retain the right to amend the requirements further should it be considered appropriate, particularly following any further feedback from OVs.

7. Further Information

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>

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