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## APHA Briefing Note 18/24

### Launch of the new OCQ(V) – Zoo Animal Exports (ZX)

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### Purpose

To notify OVs that the new zoo animal export course, OCQ(V) - ZX, is now live and OVs can enrol on this training, should they wish to. The laboratory animal export course, OCQ(V) – LX is undergoing a final review and a further briefing note will be published once it is live.

### Background

The background in respect of these two new courses is fully detailed in APHA Briefing Note 13/24. [Introduction of two new OCQ\(V\)s – Zoo Animal Exports \(ZX\) and Laboratory Animal Exports \(LX\) \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

### Action

OVs are now able to enrol on the new ZX course via their Personal Training Dashboard on the Improve International website. [Official Veterinarian Training \(improve-ov.com\)](#)

The OCQ(V)s ES and EX are pre-requisites for ZX and this will also be the case for the LX course when that is live. For OVs who already hold these qualifications, there will be no requirement to complete ES and EX again.

For an overview of the new ZX course, please see the Improve website - [Official Veterinarian Training \(improve-ov.com\)](#)

### Further Information

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