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## APHA Briefing Note 24/24

# Quality concerns with the completion of TN52 non-bovine test charts

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### Purpose

To remind Official Veterinarians (OVs) undertaking non-bovine TB skin testing of the importance of submitting a correctly completed non-bovine test chart (TN52).

### Background

There have been ongoing issues with around 20% of non-bovine test charts for tests carried out in England being submitted to APHA improperly completed. The chart processing team spend at least 6 -10 hours a week contacting practices in order to obtain a correctly completed document. This has a very significant impact on team resource and can delay the recording of important animal health data.

We will be writing to individual OVs if the forms are not correctly completed. Repeated failure to complete the forms correctly may result in further investigation and possibly suspension of TT authorisation.

### Action

Please can OVs be cognisant of the need to complete these test charts in their entirety. The following list is not exhaustive but highlights areas where information has been found to be incomplete:

- Missing OV stamp
- No readings at 72 hours

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- No Avian and Tuberculin batch numbers recorded
- No dates of test
- No CPH entered
- No signature (on one or both pages)
- Multiple species on the same chart.
- Species and animal details missing

## Further Information

Please refer to the RCVS 10 Principles of Certification: [21. Certification - Professionals \(rcvs.org.uk\)](https://rcvs.org.uk).

APHA have shared with UK Farmcare a copy of the blank TN52 form with guidance on how to complete it. This should be available to all OV's working for UK Farmcare practices.

APHA are also working with UK Farmcare to collect and collate feedback on how these forms can be improved as part of our continuous improvement initiative.

Any further queries please contact: [csctbnonbovinefarmcaresubmissions@apha.gov.uk](mailto:csctbnonbovinefarmcaresubmissions@apha.gov.uk).