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Launch of the new OCQ(V) – Laboratory Animal Exports (LX)

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Purpose

To notify OVs that the new laboratory animal exports course, OCQ(V) - LX, is now live and OVs can enrol on this training should they wish to.

Background

The background in respect of this new course is fully detailed in APHA Briefing Note 13/24. [Introduction of two new OCQ\(V\)s – Zoo Animal Exports \(ZX\) and Laboratory Animal Exports \(LX\) \(defra.gov.uk\)](#) Please note that the ZX course went live in May 2024.

Action

OVs are now able to enrol on the new LX 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 LX. However, for OVs who already hold these qualifications, there will be no requirement to complete ES and EX again.

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

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