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An update on the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirement for the Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) revalidation courses.

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Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that the requirement to complete and record ten hours of CPD during the four-year OCQ(V) revalidation interval has been removed. There is no longer a requirement to complete additional CPD as part of the OCQ(V) revalidation process.

The OCQ(V) courses will, however, continue to contribute to the RCVS CPD requirement.

Background

As part of the OCQ(V) review carried out in 2018 and reported in 2019 in the APHA Briefing Note 05/19 (see link below), it was agreed that OVs would need to complete ten hours of relevant CPD during a standardised four year revalidation interval for each OCQ(V) revalidation course.

As part of the review it was also agreed that all the OCQ(V) courses would be reviewed and that there would no longer be a requirement for OCQ(V) - Essential Skills (ES) and OCQ(V) - Exports General (EX) to be revalidated separately as pre-requisites for other OCQ(V) courses. ES and EX content would instead be incorporated into other revalidation courses where appropriate, and the CPD allowance for each revalidation course amended accordingly.

Following a recent review of the resulting course updates, it has been agreed that there is no longer a requirement for OVs to complete additional CPD over and above completion of the actual courses themselves. The courses themselves have always counted towards the

CPD requirement and the content of the revised courses alone is now considered to meet the CPD requirement. Therefore the need to provide a CPD record has been removed from all OCQ(V) revalidation courses with immediate effect.

Further Information

OV Briefing Note:

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/ov/Briefing-Note-0519.pdf>;

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