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Movement Assistance Scheme

Invoice within 90 days for EHCs issued under the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS)

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Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) of the introduction of a 90-day rule for the invoicing of EHCs issued through the [Movement Assistance Scheme \(MAS\)](#).

Background

A business moving live animals or products of animal origin (POAO) from GB to NI does not need to pay the full amount for EHCs issued as part of MAS. Instead, Official Veterinarians (OVs) can claim up to £150 excluding VAT for each non-equine EHC, and up to £500 excluding VAT for each equine EHC, from the Government (which includes time spent on travel, based on current charge out rates). To help ensure EHC reimbursements aren't unduly delayed, and to improve scheme turnaround times, a payment rule is being introduced on 1 November 2021 limiting the time between EHC certification and invoicing to 90 days.

Action

From 1 November 2021, you must invoice within 90 days of the completion of the work, which is classed as the date of the movement of live animals or POAO. However, for work completed before 1 November 2021, you will have until 31 January 2022 to submit the invoice. This recognises that:

- (1) In some instances, it may already be more than 90 days since some certifications for EHCs took place.
- (2) You may need more time to submit invoices if the 90-day cut-off date is approaching.

Invoices for work completed on or after 1 November 2021 must be submitted within 90 days.

Include all EHC checks being claimed for on one invoice and submit it, in pdf file format, to ServiceDeliveryVetandExportInvoices@apha.gov.uk.

Invoices for EHCs claimed through MAS are normally paid within 30 days from the date of receipt.

Useful resources

Full details of how to claim EHC reimbursements, including updated terms and conditions and sample invoices, are included on the [APHA Vet Gateway website](#).