

Scale of Fees for Services Rendered In Scotland by Official Veterinarians

In operation by agreement between the Scottish Government and the British Veterinary Association, and carried out under the Terms of Business in force at the time.

Effective from 1 April 2017.

Section I – Call out Fees

A single call out (visit) fee is payable for each visit to a holding. Work conducted over several parts of a holding (e.g. different locations) or at different ScotMoves holdings will be considered a single visit. All types of visit attract the same call out fee (the visit to read a tuberculin test is a separate visit to the call out to initiate the test).

Call out fee	£60.00, to include travel to/from visit
Exceptional Mileage (where the total mileage for the visit exceeds 55 miles round trip)	£0.45 per additional mile travelled

Section II – Fees for undertaking tasks, paid on a headage basis

Fees are payable in line with the following scale for the following types of work. The fees include the cost of all consumables, packaging and postage (where applicable), with the exception of Tuberculin for official tests which will be supplied by APHA free of charge:

Work Area	Fee per animal tested
Tuberculin Testing The fee is for 2 visits and includes the clinical inspection of animals tested	£2.60
Brucellosis Blood Sampling	£2.00
Brucellosis Full Abortion Investigation	£20.00
Anthrax investigation	£15.00
Enzootic Bovine Leukosis testing	£3.00

Section III – Fees for undertaking tasks, paid on an hourly basis

Fees are payable in line with the following rates for the following types of work. The work must be undertaken in accordance with instructions issued by Veterinary Lead, APHA, and the time taken for each job must be accepted by them as reasonable. Travelling time must be excluded. Where no other types of work are undertaken the visit fee is considered to include the first 20 minutes of work, and the hourly fee should be adjusted pro-rata to the time taken:

Work Area	Fee per hour
Bluetongue, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Glanders, Parasitic Mange, Rabies, Sheep Scab, Swine Fever, Tuberculosis (other than Tuberculin Testing), Importation or Exportation of animals (including horses), Quarantine Examinations, Inspection of Animals and Poultry in Markets, Swine Vesicular Disease, Equine Infectious Anaemia, Equine Viral Arteritis, BSE, Scrapie, National Scrapie Plans, Welfare Visits/Reports, Court Attendance, Movement of Animals	£79.78
Remote Islands eligible downtime payment	£79.78

Section IV – Wasted Visits

Wasted visit means a visit where the Veterinary Lead is satisfied that, through no fault of the OV practice, no work could be carried out. A visit fee (and mileage over 55 miles) may be charged in the normal way but no other fee is payable.

Section V – Meetings

Mileage at £0.45p per mile may be payable for attendance at official OV meetings in Scotland. No call-out or task fees may be charged for attending such sessions or meetings.

Section VI – Additional Travel Costs

Where additional travel expenses such as ferry costs, air fares, tolls or, exceptionally, overnight accommodation costs are necessarily incurred in the performance of Official Veterinarian tasks these may be reclaimed at cost. Copies of receipts must be provided.

Section VII - VAT

Note all fees are exclusive of VAT, which should be added to invoices at the appropriate rate.