



TB Quality Assurance Test: Assessment Guide

Assessment area	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Not Acceptable
Pre-visit requirements			
Syringes	Appears clean and well maintained.	Working, but worn or badly maintained equipment.	Equipment not functioning or missing. Evidence of attempts to complete test without proper equipment. Dirty.
Callipers	Appears clean and well maintained.	Working, but worn or badly maintained equipment.	Equipment not functioning or missing. Evidence of attempts to complete test without proper equipment. Dirty.
Scissors/Clippers	Appears clean and well maintained.	Working, but worn or badly maintained equipment.	Equipment not functioning or missing. Evidence of attempts to complete test without proper equipment. Dirty.
Tuberculin	All batch numbers correct, well stored.	Incorrect storage. Farmer not informed of need to enter details in medicines book.	Incorrectly stored. Batches out of date/recorded incorrectly.

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On-Site Requirements – prior to testing			
Protective clothing	No visible faecal or blood contamination, appropriate for the conditions.	Clean but not wearing waterproofs or other protective layer.	Soiled with faeces or blood prior to start of test, unsuitable clothing.
Biosecurity	Cleansing and Disinfection (C&D) completed before and after test.	C&D incomplete.	No attempt to clean and/or disinfect Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). No disinfectant or equipment.
Health and Safety	All tasks completed in a safe manner.	Minor health and safety shortcomings.	Puts self or others in potential danger.

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The Test			
Clipping - site location	No accuracy problems identified.	One animal examined not clipped satisfactorily on site.	Repeated failure to satisfactorily clip on site.
Clipping - site visibility	All clip marks visible.	One Animal examined not clipped in a visible manner.	Repeated failure to clip in a visible manner.
Recording of individual animals	No accuracy problems identified.	Discrepancies in breed, sex or age.	Ear tags not read or recorded/checked on TT1 and TT2.
Needles swabbed with spirit/other	Done regularly between each animal, spirit swab checked regularly.	Done irregularly, swab and disinfectant checked irregularly.	No disinfection undertaken.
Intradermal Technique	No accuracy problems identified.	One animal examined showed no evidence of intradermal injection.	Repeated animals examined showed no evidence of intradermal injection.
Palpation of sites TT1 and TT2	No accuracy problems identified.	Animals palpated but findings not recorded.	No attempt to touch or manually examine the site, visual examination only.
Measurement	Reading recorded day one and day two. Measurement with callipers on day one and day two wherever there are reactions.	Measure one animal with callipers using one hand.	Clearly inaccurate measurement of reactions. Estimated skin thickness recorded. Consistently uses one hand when using callipers to measure skin fold/reactions.
Completion of TB52/TB52a	Accurately completed.	Minor paperwork error(s).	Significant errors in paperwork.
Visual Inspection APHA Lay tester only	Accurately completed.	Minor signs missed.	Major signs missed or not reported to vet.
Clinical examination Vets only	Accurately completed	Minor errors/omissions	Major signs missed e.g. Clinical signs.

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