

CTSI Animal Health & Welfare Certificate of Competency

Qualification Description

This CTSI Animal Health & Welfare Certificate of Competency is suitable for candidates across England, Scotland and Wales and will provide you with the knowledge and key understanding of the application of animal health and welfare law, enforced by regulatory bodies across the UK.

You will learn about the legal requirements in relation to the animal health and welfare regulatory framework and the relationship between animal health, animal welfare, the official food and feed controls and public health.

What to Expect

The course will be taught in line with the learning outcomes. It is also expected that you will undertake your own learning, by ensuring you are familiar with all areas shown in the course syllabi.

The course will use different learning delivery methods. There will be a total of four classroom-based days* with the trainer delivering face to face tuition, on completion of the tuition there will be an oral exam with the trainer to assess the learner's knowledge. In addition to this, there will be access to an on-line portal that provides you with on-going detailed course notes and inter block assessments plus remote sessions, with the trainer and other trainees.

Additionally, the trainer may choose to provide, via the on-line portal, videos or other learning materials, as they deem necessary; these additional learning materials will be provided throughout the duration of the course.

You are expected to complete all assessments/assignments, as notified to you, by your trainer. You will upload them for marking, by the designated deadlines.

In order to gain the qualification, not only is it expected that you will attend the virtual/classroom-based training, but you will also complete the following:

Multi-Choice Exam: You will register for and complete the associated on-line multi-choice exam and demonstrate the knowledge requirements for this subject with 50 questions to be answered.

Oral exam: This exam supports the on-line examination. The exam will follow the contact day training when you will answer specific questions asked by the examiner. Answers will be marked against set criteria. You may not take the Oral examination until you have completed the contact days and the multi-choice online assessment.

3000 Word Report: You will complete a 3000-word report to demonstrate the skills requirement for this subject.

Classification of Marks

All examinations are marked out of 100% and with a pass mark of 60% across all areas. All effort should be made to gain the highest mark possible throughout the examining process.

Learning Outcomes:

The competence for the Animal Health & Welfare Certificate is the demonstration of knowledge and understanding of:

- The roles of all regulatory bodies including central Government agencies including the Animal and Plant Health Agency alongside Local Authorities and non-government organisations in the delivery of animal health and welfare enforcement.
- The framework of legislation designed to protect animal health and welfare and its application for the wider protection of public health.
- An understanding of the legislation and codes of practice relating to animal health and welfare.
- The causes and symptoms of notifiable and zoonotic animal diseases and conditions.
- The recognition of characteristics and features associated with animal neglect and welfare issues.
- The legislation and codes of practice relating to primary production of feed and food.
- The recognition of characteristics and features associated with the traceability of livestock and food fraud on farm.
- An understanding of the statutory obligations and code of practice requirements for securing best evidence in animal health and welfare investigations.

Indicative areas of study

An overview of farming systems and products

The status and role of Defra, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), The Rural Payment Agency (RPA), British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS), Food Standards Agency (FSA), Local Authorities and other organisations, institutions and support agencies, concerned with the health, welfare and movement of animals, including the Animal Welfare Committee, RSPCA and other Welfare Pressure Groups.

The role of central and local government in enforcing animal health and welfare standards and the legal requirements associated with animal disease and welfare prevention and control

General animal welfare legislation and specific regulations covering animals on farm, including welfare codes, at markets, in transport and at time of killing.

The legislation designed to control the spread of certain infectious notifiable diseases and conditions

An understanding of Local Authority and National disease control planning and responsibilities during a disease outbreak.

Health and safety of enforcement officers during visits to holdings and other Premises

Associated case law in relation to animal health and welfare.

The bio-security precautions that are required by the industry and appropriate measures to be taken by Inspectors when visiting premises.

Further information

Once registered, CTSI will provide you with access to its learner management system (LMS). You will receive an email with your login information and where to access the LMS.

When you first access the system, it will take you through a virtual tour of your area to ensure you are familiar with where to find information. Please ensure you complete the tour.

You will be expected to have completed all learning materials prior to attending the contact days.

The contact day training will go into detail core areas associated with this subject area and provide practical application experience to what you have learnt.

On the LMS will be the following:

- full Syllabus;
- the case study guide and example;
- Case study outline template. **

* Covid-19 delivery

Due to the pandemic, the initial delivery of the training courses for the Animal Health and Welfare qualification, will be delivered virtually.

To take into consideration the time spent in front of the computer, the trainers have confirmed that the delivery of the contact days will be completed over a 5-day period instead.

The Oral exam will be scheduled for the following week. You will be notified of your date and time and receive a Teams invite from CTSI.

** Please ensure you have completed the case study outline and submitted it for approval by the trainer by the first day of your contact day/sessions. Details on how submissions will occur will follow with your joining instructions.

Summary and timelines information

Delegates should have reviewed online course material prior to course contact day/sessions. Delegate to bring to the course their case study outline and give to trainer; trainer to feedback to delegate.

Training delivery – As detailed previously.

Contact day/sessions delivery will cover in depth aspects of the online learning and putting into context of practice.

Delegates will complete an online multiple choice. 1 attempt only.

Delegate to complete oral assessment (during covid pandemic will be 1 week after course on-line via teams, otherwise will be on 5 day of contact days).

Delegate will have 3 months from end of the contact day/sessions to complete case study and submit to CTSI for marking.

After ratification by the QAB, you will receive an outcome letter and certificate.

Fees and Booking onto course

Member fee: £980 plus VAT

Non-member fee: £1080 plus VAT (including CTSI membership for one year!)

Courses can be booked onto via our website [booking page](#).