

Animal Health and Welfare Service Delivery Module Technical Skills Portfolio

Part 1- Introduction

This portfolio is designed to allow you as a candidate to demonstrate specific skills related to the area of Animal Health and Welfare, which are in addition to the fundamental generic skills assessed by the Core Skills Portfolio. This portfolio should be completed alongside any examination requirements for this subject.

To complete a Service Delivery Module and be awarded the module certificate you must have completed the FCATS Award as well as all the requirements for this Service Delivery Module subject.

Evidence which you have used in the Core Skills Portfolio may also be used in the Technical Skills Portfolios, provided it meets the appropriate criteria, and you can use the same piece of evidence more than once in the portfolio.

Generally you will be expected to demonstrate the skill being assessed to the satisfaction of your Assessor and Verifier, but it is possible that some skills may be difficult to demonstrate doing a normal range of duties. If this is the case then, where appropriate, your skills may be assessed using verbal or written questions.

The **skills outcomes** which this portfolio is intended to demonstrate, once completed are:

1. The ability to identify relevant animals, diseases, welfare and disposal controls.
 2. The ability to demonstrate appropriate risk analysis and hazard mitigation when carrying out any kind of inspection, and also to comply with any other sector specific health, safety, hygiene and biosecurity requirements.
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In completing the portfolio the following is the minimum for which you will need to provide evidence. The evidence provided should be, as far as possible, part of the day-to-day work of the Service or Organisation. You should carry out as many activities as deemed necessary by your Service or Organisation and Assessors and Verifiers to ensure that you can demonstrate the required skills competencies in your normal area of work.

Part 2 - Assessment Criteria

Task A Identification and recognition of disease and/or welfare issues

The suggested way of doing this will be to carry out inspections of livestock on farms and at livestock markets

The minimum number of matters to be looked at across the whole of the portfolio is stated in part 3 required activities.

You must be able to provide evidence of the following:

- A1. That you were able to use the appropriate techniques to elicit information about the animals' identity via the various information storage media (e.g. ear-tags, electronic chips, silhouettes etc).
- A2. That you carried out all of the relevant and appropriate visual examinations or observations which might indicate disease or welfare issues.
- A3. That you recommended and/or took the appropriate action in relation to unfit animals, including the disposal of carcasses.

Task B **The inspection of premises and vehicles in relation to welfare and biosecurity issues**

The suggested way of doing this will be to carry out inspections of vehicles and premises used in the transportation and holding of livestock, including the import and export of live animals.

The minimum number of matters to be looked at across the whole of the portfolio is stated in part 3 required activities.

You must be able to provide evidence of the following:

- B1. That you correctly identified the suitability of premises or vehicles for the health and welfare of the livestock.
- B2. That appropriate and adequate cleansing and disinfection was carried out in order to minimise general health and safety risks and to prevent the transmission of disease.
- B3. That you identified and used the appropriate protective equipment, as required.
- B4. That you followed the correct cleansing procedures both pre and post inspection.

Part 3 - Required Activities

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You must inspect at least **one** of each of the following species

- cattle;
- sheep and goats;
- pigs;
- poultry;
- horses;
- deer (if practicable).

and provide a brief outline of what you identify in the course of your inspection. In particular you should:

- comment on any issues identified (both in relation to handling and welfare issues), providing photographic evidence if appropriate; and
- report on the action taken, or provide recommendations as to the appropriate course of action.

You must inspect at least **five** premises, including:

- two farms at least one of which must be mixed species;
- one slaughterhouse;
- one livestock market;
- one animal by-products disposal centre.

You must inspect at least **five** vehicles, of these:

- at least one vehicle should be used for transporting animals other than poultry; and
- one for transporting poultry.

and you should provide a brief report on each inspection.

The reports should be included with the Portfolio.

Organising portfolios:

Any piece of work evidence may be used more than once for different assessment criteria or learning outcomes if it provides acceptable evidence for them (and may also be used in specialist portfolios if it meets the specific criteria contained within).

At the end of each Task the assessment criteria asks for evidence of reflection by you on your performance. You should critically examine your own experience and performance in the professional context, judge what went well and what did not go well, and then identify how this can be used to improve your professional performance in the future. This process may be facilitated through discussion with your assessor and/or mentor, or by your own personal reflection, and then making a written record of this process and including it in the portfolio.

Portfolio endorsed by the National Animal Health Panel.