



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) with requirement to issue official certification for Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products

Subject: Trade Programme announce availability of new online training for authorisation to certify Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products for export

Purpose

This bulletin is to notify authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) that an online training course for the Certification of Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products is now available. The course is delivered by an external training provider, Improve International, and has been made available to DAERA.

All aPVPs who currently hold “grandfather rights” authorisation and wish to maintain their authorisation, or those who wish to obtain authorisation for the first time, will be required to successfully complete this training in addition to having active General Principles of Certification training.

Unlike other aPVP Certifying Officer training, enrolment on this course is subject to a fee. aPVPs interested in undertaking the training should contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk for information on registration arrangements and course costs. Please do not contact Improve International directly, as all enrolment and administration arrangements will be managed through DAERA Trade Exports.

aPVPs who are currently authorised to certify Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products under grandfather rights arrangements must complete the new training course by **30th September 2026** if they wish to retain their authorisation.

Certifying Officer Authorisation (COA) online service will issue automated reminder notifications 90, 30 and 7 days before the deadline.

aPVPs who have not completed the training by 30 September 2026 will have their authorisation to certify Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products automatically withdrawn by the COA online system. Notification of the withdrawal will be issued by email.

If there are mitigating circumstances which may prevent completion of this training within this timeframe, please contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk. All correspondence will be treated in accordance with [DAERA-privacy-statement](#).

The deadline of 30th September 2026 does not apply to anyone seeking certifying officer authorisation for Laboratory Animals and Laboratory Products for the first time.

Any queries regarding this training should be directed to DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk.

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