

OCQ(V) - TTr (Tuberculin Testing revalidation) requirements

The revalidation interval for the OCQ(V) - TT is currently 3 years for those who last passed an OCQ(V) - TT exam before 31st January 2019, but will be set at 4 years following this round of revalidations.

Requirements for revalidation:

To comply with the **testing requirements**, the OV must:

- have tested a minimum of 30 animals. The OV must confirm this in the final online revalidation declarations.
- have had a successful APHA or VDP audit OR a Peer Review in the last 4 years.

To comply with the **online course requirements**, the OV must:

- complete the online training course.
- pass the online MCQ exam.
- complete 3 scenarios (from the selection given at the end of the online training) OR case logs of 30 animals over 3 different premises.
- log 10 hours of CPD relevant to TT. This includes 3 hours for the completion of the online training, plus time spent on scenario exercises/case logs (up to 1 hour for each scenario exercise/case log). CPD may be relevant to more than one qualification (e.g. notifiable diseases and certification).
- complete the final online revalidation declarations.

If you can't comply with the testing requirements as specified above, you can apply to APHA as described below. This must be done at least one month before your revalidation due date.

1. Exemption (England and Wales)

For OVs who haven't tested 30 animals in the last 4 years.

This exemption must be agreed with APHA (CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk) in advance and a copy of the exemption agreement email must be uploaded to the case log section on the OV's OCQ(V) - TTr training details page. This situation may also be handled with an extension if it will be possible for the OV to fulfil the requirements within an additional 6 months. To find out more about extensions, please scroll to the bottom of this document.

In the case of this exemption, to comply with the revalidation requirements, the OV must:

- have agreed criteria for animals tested with APHA in advance. They must confirm this as an exemption in their final online revalidation declarations.
 - have had a successful APHA or VDP audit OR a Peer Review in the last 4 years.
 - complete the online training course.
 - pass the online MCQ exam.
 - complete 3 scenario exercises (from the selection given at the end of the online training) OR case logs to fulfil the APHA exemption agreement.
 - log 10 hours of CPD relevant to TT. This includes 3 hours for the completion of the online training plus time spent on scenario exercises/case logs (up to 1 hour for each scenario exercise/case log).
 - complete the final online revalidation declarations.
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2. Exemption (Scotland)

For OVs working in Scotland and unable to test 30 animals in the last 4 years.

This exemption must be agreed with APHA (CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk) in advance and a copy of the exemption agreement email must be uploaded to the case log section on the OV's OCQ(V) - TTr training details page.

In the case of this exemption, to comply with the revalidation requirements, the OV must:

- have agreed criteria for animals tested with APHA in advance. They must confirm this as an exemption in their final online revalidation declarations.
- have had a successful APHA audit or a Peer Review in the last 4 years. OVs can contact APHA by phone 03000 600704 or email ScotlandDutyVet@apha.gov.uk to arrange an audit or discuss any variations to the audit/Peer Review requirements which may be agreed under this exemption.
- complete the online training course.
- pass the online MCQ exam.
- complete 3 scenario exercises (from the selection given at the end of the online training) OR case logs to fulfil the APHA exemption agreement.
- log 10 hours of CPD relevant to TT. This includes 3 hours for the completion of the online training plus time spent on scenario exercises/case logs (up to 1 hour for each scenario exercise/case log).
- complete the final online revalidation declarations.

3. Exemption (Assessors/Auditors)

For Assessors/Auditors who do not TB test.

This exemption must be agreed with APHA (CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk) in advance and a copy of the exemption agreement email must be uploaded to the case log section on the OV's OCQ(V) - TTr training details page. The application must include a declaration that the Assessor/Auditor will not undertake any TB tests.

In the case of this exemption, to comply with the revalidation requirements, the Assessor/Auditor must:

- have completed a minimum of 5 audits/assessments in the last 4 years. They must confirm this as an exemption in the final online revalidation declarations.
- have had a successful APHA audit OR a Peer Review of an assessment in the last 4 years.
- complete the online training course.
- pass the online MCQ exam.
- complete 5 case logs (scenario exercises are not an option for Assessors) of assessments completed over the last 4 years.
- log 10 hours of CPD relevant to TT. This includes 3 hours for completion of the online training plus time spent on case logs (up to 1 hour for each case log).
- complete the final online revalidation declarations.

Any of the above who miss the revalidation date can apply to APHA to be suspended for up to 6 months after their revalidation deadline whilst they complete their revalidation.

Extensions (England and Wales only)

Granted at the discretion of APHA.

Extensions must be agreed with APHA (CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk) in advance and a copy of the extension agreement email must be uploaded to the case log section on the OV's OCQ(V) - TTr training details page. Up to 6 months of additional time will be given. During this time the OV remains authorised (i.e. the revalidation date is moved forward).

APHA may choose to grant an extension in the following cases:

- An audit or Peer Review has not been completed by the deadline.
- The OV has tested fewer than 30 animals in the last 4 years BUT will be able to test sufficient to reach the required number with an extension.