

**LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE OF TECHNICAL
COMPETENCE IN THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE
USE OF VETERINARY MEDICINES**

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The City & Guilds qualification aims to ensure that the stockperson understands how to:

Administer, store and dispose of veterinary medicines competently and humanely in accordance with the animal health plan

Understand the need for safe and responsible use and storage of veterinary medicines

Accessing the qualification

City & Guilds has approved centres across the country, and further details can be found on the website

www.nptc.org.uk

These centres will be able to provide further information on training, and will register the candidate and arrange the assessor for the chosen date.

The qualification handbook will be available on the website so that candidates can find out what they need to learn. There will also be a work book and PowerPoint available.

Training can be:

- On the job
- Part of a college course
- Undertaken with a private training provider

A practical assessment of skills with oral questioning and observation of practical tasks

One to one with Qualified City & Guilds Assessor

The assessment must have appropriate resources:

- Suitable location,
- Relevant livestock
- In accordance with current animal health plan

What does the qualification cover?

Tasks

Explain how to use veterinary medicines responsibly

Identify signs of health and ill health in animals

Storage of veterinary medicines

Transport of veterinary medicines

Administer veterinary medicines

Dispose of veterinary medicines

Record keeping for veterinary medicines

Examples of content

Reasons for responsible use

Management measures that will reduce the need for veterinary medicines

Identify 10 signs of good health and obvious signs of ill health

Key features of a medicine store

Read and interpret information on medicine label

Maintaining, using and cleaning administration equipment

Weighing animals and calculating dosage

Administer medicines by two methods

Safe disposal of unwanted medicines

Personal protective clothing requirements

Read and interpret information on medicine label

Criteria for safe transport

Legal records of veterinary medicine requirements for food producing species

Records to be kept for management purposes

Withdrawal periods for food producing animals

Achieving the Level 2 Certificate of Technical Competence in the Safe and Responsible use of Veterinary Medicines indicates that an operator understands all aspects of the tasks they are undertaking, and their responsibilities for the welfare of the animal, themselves and the environment.

Holding the qualification provides evidence of technical competence.