

## **JOB DESCRIPTION FOR TVI(FMD) APPOINTMENTS**

### **Person Specification**

#### **Essential requirements**

- Sound knowledge of disease control and animal welfare, including epidemiology and animal behaviour
- A thorough understanding of the economic and political implications of foot and mouth disease, with particular reference to understanding of decision making, risk analysis and diagnosis.
- Good organisational skills
- Well-honed interpersonal skills, with particular reference to the ability to provide authoritative advice, sometimes under difficult conditions
- Excellent communication skills with a good knowledge of English

#### **Desirable requirements**

- Knowledge of procedures associated with State veterinary medicine, and of GB animal health and welfare legislation.
- Practical experience of dealing with large animals
- Fact-finding ability and analytical skills.
- Initiative, originality and creativity when faced with a wide variety of different situations
- Manual dexterity and the ability to carry out physical examination and testing of animals, premises, equipment and vehicles

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- Routine farm visits in the form of patrol work in infected areas, locating herds and flocks and providing information to stock owners.
- Routine farm visits to premises under Form D restriction (animals which may have been exposed to infection), involving full clinical examination of animals in order to ascertain whether or not disease is present.
- Response to Foot and Mouth disease report cases. Full clinical examination of susceptible livestock in order to ascertain whether or not disease is present, and reporting of findings to London Head Office.
- Supervision of slaughter sites, with reference to animal welfare standards, control of spread of disease and liaison with MOD personnel
- Office-based work, including assisting with work allocation, collation of returns and other data, provision of information to Head Office and, in some cases, use of IT to record and analyse data.

### **Qualifications and experience**

You must be a full Member or Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Experience with large animals would be an advantage, but is not essential. Ability to speak Welsh would be an advantage for those posted to Wales.

### **Payment of fees**

You will be entitled to claim a fee of £250 per day worked. In addition, you may be entitled to allowances for accommodation and subsistence. If you use your own vehicle, you will be entitled to standard MAFF mileage rates. The daily fee covers a full day's work and hours may be irregular and long. If you work for less than 5 hours, we are entitled to a half-day fee of £125.

### **Offer of appointment**

The offer of an appointment is not a guarantee of work. The standard terms and conditions under which TVIs work indicate that your appointment may be terminated with immediate effect if there is no work available that day. Your appointment may be terminated with immediate effect if you do not possess suitable skills (e.g. diagnostic, communication or interpersonal skills). You should also note that there are no pension or sick pay rights associated with TVI appointments.

### **Other conditions of service**

As travelling to farms and other locations is an integral part of the job, you should have a driving licence valid for use in the United Kingdom. It may be possible to adjust this requirement for those who have difficulty meeting it because of a disability.

### **Nationality**

You should normally be a British or Commonwealth citizen, a national of a state within the European Economic Area or a British protected person.

### **Equal opportunities**

MAFF is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Further information is available from Louise Wedgbury in the Equality and Diversity Unit on 01904 455128.

### **Further details**

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