

Riding establishments inspector application form

Guidance notes

1. Any veterinary surgeon wishing to be included on the list of those authorised to carry out inspections under the Riding Establishments Acts of 1964 and 1970 or the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 (the Inspectorate), is required to submit a riding establishments inspector application form.
2. The Riding Establishments Subcommittee (RESC) requires that certain eligibility criteria must be met and maintained for admission to and continued inclusion on the Inspectorate, as follows:
 - a. Veterinary surgeons must maintain "UK practising" registration status with the RCVS.
 - b. Veterinary surgeons must be physically fit to practise, with five years' minimum post registration experience as MRCVS.
 - c. Veterinary surgeons must meet the *Code of Professional Conduct* obligation to keep within their own area of competence and refer cases responsibly.
 - d. Veterinary surgeons must have professional indemnity insurance.
 - e. Veterinary surgeons must attend an approved refresher course every 5 years.
 - f. An average of 10 hours per week of equine work (which may include inspections) is required as a minimum. In exceptional circumstances, variations will be considered by the RESC, for example, in relation to applicants in remote or urban areas.
3. All new applicants must attend a training and induction course and shadow an inspector who is also a RESC member. If the requirement to shadow is not met at a training and induction course, an individual shadowing session will need to be carried out with a member of the RESC before admission to the Inspectorate.
4. Applications are scrutinised by the RESC for approval before admission to the Inspectorate. The Inspectorate is maintained by the RCVS and can be found at rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/riding-establishments.
5. Inspectors must declare that they meet the eligibility criteria at the end of the webinar series of each induction and refresher course.
6. Inspectors must attend a refresher course every 5 years and will be notified by the RCVS' Registration Team when they are due to attend the next refresher course.
7. Please note that the Riding Establishments Acts 1964 and 1970 do not extend to Northern Ireland. Please contact the RCVS for further advice using the contact details found at rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/riding-establishments.
8. There are no standard fees for inspections of riding establishments. The fee must be negotiated with and paid directly by the relevant local authority.

9. To standardise the quality of inspections, individual inspectors are selected at random annually to request that copies of their inspectors' reports be provided to be audited by the RESC. Inspectors may be required to participate in this audit scheme.

10. For information regarding the RESC Training and Induction Course, including costs, please contact the RCVS using the contact details found at rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/riding-establishments.

Surname	
Forename(s)	
Phone number	
Email address	

MRCVS number			
Date of birth			
RCVS registration date			
Additional veterinary qualifications	Date awarded		
Register address (practice address)			
	Postcode		Country
Practice telephone number			

Please list your local authority/authorities	
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Please detail the type, range, and average hours per week of equine related work (which may include inspections). Please note an average of 10 hours per week is required as a minimum. In exceptional circumstances, a variation may be provided. Please provide details if you are requesting a variation.

Declaration

I declare that the information given above is accurate and complete and I hereby apply to be included on the Inspectorate, i.e., the list of veterinary surgeons authorised to carry out inspections pursuant to the Riding Establishments Acts of 1964 and 1970 and the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

Full name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Signed: _____

Please return your completed application form by post or email to:

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