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15/10/2012 - Lantra is asking everyone working in the veterinary and equine sector to participate in an extensive project examining the roles, skills and responsibilities of Equine Dental Technicians.



As the Sector Skills Council for animal health and welfare industries, Lantra has been working to develop recognised standards for equine dental technicians. National Occupational Standards (NOS) describe what people need to do, know and understand in order to carry out their job role in a consistent and competent way and promote equine health and welfare. NOS are important because they provide the foundation to build qualifications that reflect best practice.

Since April, Lantra has been working with individuals and organisations representing veterinary and equine welfare as well as equine dental technicians themselves, in order to ensure the NOS reflect today's working practices and are in line with current legislation.

In September representatives from Defra, RCVS, BEADT, WWAED, BEVA and BVDA attended the initial meeting to look at the development of National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Equine Dental Technicians. Constructive discussions were held regarding the purpose and uses of the NOS once they are developed and agreement was reached on the proposed content.

The final part of the review is an online consultation on the typical job profiles within the sector, and the detailed knowledge, understanding, ability and experiences somebody needs to carry out their job effectively. Lantra is inviting people from all areas of the veterinary and equine sector to participate, no matter where they are located in the UK.

Keith Chandler, the new President of The British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA), says: "BEVA welcomes this opportunity for dental procedures carried out by Equine Dental Technicians in the UK to be formalised as NOS. These procedures have already been agreed between BEVA, the British Association of Equine Dental Technicians and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

"It is important that the Veterinary Surgeons Act and any Exemption Orders within it, past or future, are respected. Provided an exemption order is subsequently passed, confirmation of these procedures as NOS will allow EDTs to develop their status and training and ensure the boundaries agreed with the veterinary profession are respected. We look forward to working with LANTRA and the EDTs during the consultation period and beyond."

Lisa Jarvis RVN, Lantra's Partnership Manager, said: "We are really pleased that industry reached an agreement to develop NOS, which identify the detailed knowledge, understanding, ability and experiences somebody needs to carry out their job effectively. In this next positive step to move their development forward, we are calling for all interested parties to take part in our consultation and ensure that they are driven by the welfare of horses."

The consultation is open to participants from 19 November to 16 December [here](#). For more information about the review [click here](#), [email us](#) or call 02476 858 424.

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