

Slaughter licensing

Certificate of Competence

Anyone carrying out certain slaughter operations must hold a [Certificate of Competence](#), under the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (WATOK) Regulations.

[The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(England\) Regulations 2015 SI 1782](#)

[The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing \(Wales\) Regulations 2014 SSI 951](#)

Temporary Certificates of Competence

This will allow you to work under the direct supervision of a full [Certificate of Competence](#) holder for the species and operations you are doing.

Evidence of registration must be provided to the Official Veterinarian to allow the Temporary Certificate of Competence to be issued.

This certificate is valid for three months from date of issue. You must undertake and successfully pass an assessment from an accredited provider to be awarded a qualification certificate.

This qualification certificate is required for a Certificate of Competence to be issued.

You can apply for a re-issue of the temporary certificate for three months after the previous one has run out if you are unable to complete the assessment. You can do this through the Official Veterinarian in the slaughterhouse.

Re-issuing of a temporary certificate is only for exceptional cases and each case will be considered on its own merits. The decision will be made by a panel from DEFRA animal welfare policy teams and us.

Your application for re-issue will be judged by us and the Welsh government.

Appeals in England and Wales

A decision made in England and Wales by us to refuse, suspend or revoke a Certificate of Competence can be appealed.

The appeal system entitles you to make written representations to and be heard by the General Regulatory Chamber First Tier Tribunal.

To do this you need to use the Ministry of Justice form T98 and send it within 28 days of the decision.

The address you will need to send the appeals form is

- General Regulatory Chamber, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, PO Box 9300, Leicester, LE1 6ZX.

[Application for a certificate of competence under welfare of animals at the time of killing.](#) (388.5 KB)

[Application for a temporary certificate of competence under the welfare of animals at the time of killing.](#) (380 KB)

Wales

[Application for a certificate of competence under the welfare of animals at the time of killing \(Wales\).](#) (382.5 KB)

Wales

[Application for a temporary certificate of competence under the welfare of animals at the time of killing \(Welsh\).](#) (225 KB)