

Recruitment of Official Veterinarians

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Career opportunities

- **FSS is recruiting qualified Veterinarians to work with us in locations across Scotland**
- We provide full training for them to become Official Veterinarians which takes between 3 and 4 months
- Official Veterinarians have a significant impact on animal health and welfare and safeguarding human health
- They work at abattoirs and game handling establishments across Scotland to deliver Official Controls
- The meat industry in Scotland cannot function without Official Veterinarians





Why work at FSS?

We have a wide and diverse remit covering all aspects of the food chain which can impact on public health and we're looking for [qualified veterinarians](#) to work with us.

We offer:

- Competitive salary starting at £35,867 (£36,585 from 1 April 2024) plus £4,000 pay supplement upon achieving the OV qualification
- 37 hour week with no on-call requirement, decreasing to 35 hour week from October 2024 (maintaining the same salary)
- Fully paid and supported in-house OV training which takes 3 to 4 months
- 5 weeks annual leave (increasing to 6 after 4 years) and 11.5 Public and Privilege holidays
- Guidance to navigate all requirements to become a government vet with FSS, such as RCVS registration, support with relocation, working visa
- Family friendly benefits, including paid maternity, paternity and adoption leave

Who we're looking for:

- Qualified vets from a university [approved by RCVS](#) (you must be eligible for membership of RCVS)
- IELTS Level 5 (at least) and Level 7 within 18 months of starting employment
- Work well in a team and communicate clearly

Find out more at [Foodstandards.gov.scot/Vets](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/Vets)



Can you help?

Veterinarians may not realise that working in public health is an option and we'd like your help to reach them. This could be students nearing the end of their studies, recent graduates or experienced veterinarians who may be looking for a new opportunity.

To help with this, we've created some content that could be shared with your audiences and stakeholders:

- [Website or newsletter content](#)
- [Social media posts](#)
- [Blogs from current Official Veterinarians](#)
- [Leaflet with more details about working with FSS](#)

There will also be blogs and content shared on our own social media channels:

- [Twitter/X](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)



Suggested website or newsletter text

If you would like to share information on your website or through a newsletter, we've drafted some text below:

- Are you passionate about animal welfare and public health? Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is looking for dedicated veterinarians to join their team. In this role, you'll play a vital part in delivering Official Controls in FSS approved meat premises across Scotland, contributing to the protection of public health and consumers' interests. The job offers a host of benefits including a competitive salary, fully paid three to four-month in-house training programme and generous annual leave, all in the beautiful surroundings of Scotland. Visit [Foodstandards.gov.scot/vets](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/vets) to find out more.



Suggested social media posts

Please see below for posts that could be shared on your social media channels:

- Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is seeking qualified veterinarians to deliver Official Controls in FSS approved meat premises across Scotland. Full training will be provided to become an Official Veterinarian. Learn more at [Foodstandards.gov.scot/vets](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/vets)
- Did you know that Official Veterinarians play a critical role in the meat industry in Scotland? Food Standards Scotland is looking for qualified veterinarians to work with them in roles across Scotland. Find out more: [Foodstandards.gov.scot/vets](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/vets)
- Are you a qualified veterinarian looking for a new challenge? FSS is looking for you to join their team. Find out more: [Foodstandards.gov.scot/vets](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/vets)

You can download images to accompany these posts by following the link below:

- [Download social media images](#)



More information

If you'd like to know more about working as an Official Veterinarian, please contact our Head Veterinarian [Elena McWatt](#).