



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

VETERINARY AIDE

1 Introduction

The following is a detailed description of the assessment criteria to be adopted by the Trade Testing Board (TTB) to reach a final decision on the award of a Certificate of Competence.

2 Trade Testing

The trade test is to be made up of the following three components:

- 1 The Written
- 2 The Practical
- 3 The Interview

The accepted languages for the written and interview include Maltese and English.

The Board has agreed on the sequence of the test and the markings allocated to each specific component as indicated below:

| Component | Mark | Pass Mark |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Written | 100 | 50% |
| Practical | 100 | 50% |
| Interview | 100 | 50% |

The following is an outline of the Assessment Criteria to be adopted by the Board to complete the required Trade Test.

The Written Component

The Board has agreed that candidates will be required to sit for a written test. The duration of the written test will be of two (2) hours to assess the theoretical competence of the candidate.

The questions of the written test paper will cover topics such as:

Filling up of various forms that are normally utilized in the Veterinary field, office and clinic work

Writing reports or appraisals of a situation on farm or an establishment conveyed through photographs, pictures or descriptions

Answer questions on bio-security, hygiene, diseases and contaminations

The Practical Component

The practical is intended for candidates to demonstrate their hands-on experience as Veterinary Aides.

The Veterinary Aides practical can be held at a number of different sites during the same sitting.

A sitting may be made up of a number of sessions. The maximum number of sessions shall not exceed five (5).

The practical test will include any of the following:

Different identification systems on animals

Animal registration, checks and controls

Animal Welfare checks and controls

Blood sampling of different animals

Inspection and reporting of animal breeding establishments

Handling of animals

Feeding of various animals – identification of forage material

Taking of biological parameters – respiratory rate, body temperature, etc

Slaughterhouse set-ups

Animal carcass grading systems

Preparation of diagnostic materials necessary to collect samples of blood, faeces, milk, meat

Preparation of equipment / apparatus for sterilization

Identification of equipment and instruments

Identification of organs and parts of animals

The Interview Component

The interview shall be utilized to discuss the answers given in the written component and to complete the assessment of the candidate on knowledge and skills and shall include questions on parts of the following syllabus:

- Literacy and computer literacy
- Animal handling
- Identification systems
- Sampling techniques
- Hygiene
- Health and Safety
- Knowledge of diseases (particular reference to Notifiable Diseases)
- Food Safety
- Basic animal Biology
- Animal husbandry
- Basic Veterinary applications
- Animal Welfare
- Basic legal principles