



Plumpton College

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**Transport of Animals (Welfare) Certificate Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Short Journey Competence Certification**

**If you transport animals – please read if you do not already hold a certificate.**

Since 5 January 2008, those transporting and handling domestic species of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses and poultry by road on journeys over 65km (approximately 40 miles) in connection with an economic activity, must be independently assessed in their competence. We have been advised that the mileage for the return journey also counts as the stock may be turned away from its intended destination. Those assessed as competent will receive a certificate of competence. The certificate will be specific to the transporter or attendant in charge, the length of journeys to be undertaken and the species to be transported.

Assessment of those involved in journeys over 65km and up to eight hours may be made by means of a theory test.

Further information about this regulation and the content that you are assessed against can be found on the [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) website and also on [www.nptc.org.uk](http://www.nptc.org.uk).

The next opportunity to sit a theory test will be on the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The assessment centre will need to register your details and which tests you need to take at least one week before you sit your test. The Candidate Registration Forms can be obtained either by calling the number at the top of this letter or by calling Mrs. Irene Dean on 01273 890454.

The test centre will be at **Ivyland Farm, Netherfield, nr Battle TN33 9QB**. Tel: 01424 775615 (*Netherfield Centre*). We will run a brief training session in the morning between 11 am and 12 noon, for those that feel they would benefit from running through the content of the regulations. This is optional. The tests will then be sat, three at a time, on the hour, all afternoon. You will be notified of your time slot. Each different livestock category test takes around 30 minutes to complete on a laptop computer. This is a multiple choice test. Please let us know in advance if you would like the questions and multiple choice answer selection read out to you.

On your Candidate Registration Form, you will be asked to select from the following:

Cattle  
Cattle and sheep (this is a combined test)  
Sheep  
Pigs  
Poultry  
Horses  
Game Birds  
Goats

If you are RDPE Eligible and you only wish to take one of the above you must still attend the course at a cost of £42.00. This covers one test as detailed above, however, for each additional test there is a charge of £35.00 per test, ie: pigs, poultry, horses, game birds or goats etc are classified as requiring individual tests. These can be done at the time of the course, but pre-registration is essential.

Eligibility for grant funding for up to 70% of the cost of the course – to claim the grant, we only require you to complete two forms on the day of your training

*If you live in the south east (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex), you may be entitled to a subsidised price on our range of courses. To qualify, you must be engaged in a business, organisation or social enterprise which is dependant on agriculture (this can include a butcher working for a farming business). You must spend more than 50% of your time involved in these types of activities.*

If not eligible for the RDPE subsidy you may take the test alone, at a cost of £70 this covers the enrolment process. The same rules apply as above for each different livestock and these additional tests cost £55.

I attach a booking form. All payments must be received in advance. You can either telephone 01424 775615 or 01273 890454 and pay by card or send a cheque payable to Plumpton College to the address at the top of this page.

If you have any queries please telephone Sarah Blackford at Plumpton College at Netherfield on 01424 775615 or mobile 07990 524559.

With kind regards,

Sarah Blackford  
**Plumpton College at Netherfield**