

Dispense animal drugs as directed by the veterinarian

Level 3

Credits 3

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare a prescription as directed by the veterinarian, and provide advice to clients regarding drug administration.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

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Accreditation Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.

Standard setting body (SSB) Primary Industry Training Organisation

Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0228

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Special notes

- 1 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the statutory and industry requirements contained in the following documents.
Relevant and current National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare and Codes of Recommendations and Minimum Standards, available at <http://www.maf.govt.nz>, under animal welfare.
Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available from NZVA, PO Box 11-212, Manners Street, Wellington (<http://www.vets.org.nz>) including the current version of *Standard Procedures for Veterinary Nursing and Animal Care*.
Medicines Act 1981, Medicines Regulations 1984, Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977, Veterinarians Act 2005, Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, Animal Welfare Act 1999, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 *In-house procedures* refer to the documented policies and procedures for animal handling and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.
- 3 Underpinning Knowledge
The following areas of knowledge underpin performance of the elements in this unit standard:
Element 1
Abbreviations used in veterinary pharmacy
Terms used in veterinary pharmacy (generic name, product name, medication, contra-indication, side effects, withholding period, solution, suspension)
Therapeutic actions of drug groups
Generic and product names of drug groups
Use of veterinary prescriber's index and product labels to acquire information about a drug
Legislation relating to veterinary drugs, drug schedules, implications
Element 2
Product information (withdrawal periods, withholding time, safe administration, regimes).

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare a prescription as directed by the veterinarian.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Drug dosage for a full course for a given animal is calculated as directed by the veterinarian.
- 1.2 Drugs are dispensed safely and hygienically from a prescription according to current legislation.
- 1.3 Medicines and remedies are dispensed in containers which are legibly and indelibly labelled according to current legislation and standard procedures.
- 1.4 Drugs which can be dispensed without veterinary examination or authorisation (OTC or 'Over The Counter') are identified.

Element 2

Provide advice to clients regarding drug administration.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Medications are described in terms of the situations where advice must be provided by the veterinarian.
- 2.2 Administration, regimes, safety, and suitability of the medication are explained and demonstrated to clients in accordance with in-house procedures.
- 2.3 Information regarding storage and handling of medication according to type is supplied to the client in terms of safety and suitability.
- 2.4 Withholding periods are explained to the client in terms of specific medication.

Please note

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Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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