

M2.5b: Vet

1. Entry requirements

You'll need to:

- be registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
- have a veterinary degree approved by the RCVS

Alternative ways of becoming a vet:

If you have a degree in a subject related to veterinary science (e.g. biology, zoology), you can take a 4-year *graduate-entry veterinary degree course*.

You'll also need experience of working in a veterinary practice.

You'll usually need a driving licence.

2. Skills required

You'll need:

- a high level of scientific ability
- practical skills in handling animals
- observational skills
- the ability to make difficult decisions
- management and business skills

3. What you'll do

You'll work either in general practice or for a public and animal health authority (department) like the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) or the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

In general veterinary practice your day-to-day tasks will include:

- diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals
- performing operations
- carrying out tests such as blood analysis, X-rays and scans
- providing care for an animal in veterinary hospitals
- carrying out regular health checks and giving vaccinations
- checking farm animals and advising on how to stop diseases spreading
- supervising veterinary nurses and support staff
- keeping records of treatments
- communicating with pet owners and insurers
- neutering animals to stop them breeding
- putting severely injured or ill animals to sleep

In public health, your day-to-day tasks will include investigating outbreaks of human and animal diseases like foot and mouth disease.

As a vet in industry, you'll develop and test drugs, chemicals and biological products. You may also check hygiene and care in stables or pet shops.

You'll follow public health and hygiene laws.

4. Salary

Starter: £30,000

Experienced: £35,000 to £44,000

Highly Experienced: £50,000 or more

You may sometimes be provided with accommodation and transport.

These figures are a guide.

5. Working hours, patterns and environment

At a vets' practice you'll usually work about 43 hours a week. You could also be on call, day or night.

The job is physically demanding. You may be working outdoors if you're treating farm animals or horses.

6. Career path and progression

You could focus on treating particular animals, or specialise in medical disciplines.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/vet>
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Vet

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Vet (Veterinarian)

what is needed

I will have to...

...make difficult decisions

...look closely at the patients and observe them

...handle animals

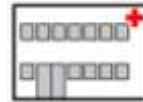
where I will work

I will work...

in a veterinary practice



in an animal clinic



in a veterinary office



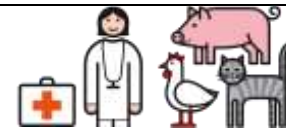
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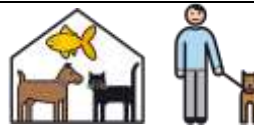
do health checks and help sick animals



visit farms and check farm animals



talk to pet owners



put very ill animals to sleep



do blood tests or x-rays on animals



operate on sick animals

