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Important Information on ordering Health Certificates from TAHC Updated January 9, 2012 (originally published November 21, 2011)

Dear Accredited Veterinarian,

As you probably know, USDA has revised their veterinary accreditation process and required previously accredited veterinarians who wished to remain accredited to “Elect to Participate.” As part of this process you should have now been assigned a new 6-digit numeric accreditation number. If you are a recent graduate who is accredited, this is likely the only number you’ve ever used.

Under the new system, Category II accreditation is required in order to perform any accredited duties in the state of Texas, which includes issuing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for intrastate, interstate or international movement of livestock species. Therefore, **TAHC will no longer be able to ship orders for Health Certificates through our mail or online systems without a valid 6-digit USDA accreditation number.** If you have already sent in your paperwork to USDA and have not received a new number, please contact a USDA Accreditation Coordinator at 512-383-2400 or email VSTX@aphis.usda.gov to check your status.

If you missed the Oct. 1 deadline to Elect to Participate, **you must take the steps listed below to have your accreditation reinstated.**

1. Notify the Texas USDA Veterinary Services Office of your intention to have your accreditation reinstated. Contact: USDA Accreditation Coordinator at 512-383-2400 or email VSTX@aphis.usda.gov.
2. Submit a completed VS Form 1-36A to the Texas USDA Veterinary Services office. If you wish to perform work on livestock or equine species, you must choose Category II Accreditation. Download the form [here](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/downloads/vs1-36a_101.pdf) http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/downloads/vs1-36a_101.pdf
Return the form to: Email VSTX@aphis.usda.gov; Mail: USDA, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Room 220, Austin, TX 78701; or Fax: 512/916-5197
3. The USDA office will issue you a National Accreditation Number (NAN) to be used to print Certificates of Completion of the APHIS Approved Supplemental Training (AAST) units that you will need for reinstatement into the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP). You will receive an email from the USDA Texas Veterinary Services Accreditation Coordinator.

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4. Complete your required number (three for Category I animals, six for Category II animals) of online AAST units, which can be found here:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/training_modules.shtml
5. Submit your Certificates of Completion to the USDA office. Email to:
VSTX@aphis.usda.gov; Mail to: USDA, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Room 220, Austin, TX 78701; or Fax: 512/916-5197
6. The USDA Office will notify you of your successful reinstatement into the NVAP.

If you have questions or need additional information about ordering health certificates, please contact **TAHC Staff Services at 1-800-550-8242 Ext. 788.**

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