

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Bovine TB Information Note 01/13

Badger vaccination scheme 2013

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The increasing interest in badger vaccination against TB has prompted us to review the terms of the Badger Vaccination Fund and we have now expanded the categories available for funding in 2013.

As well as schemes within badger control areas and on land surrounding control areas, applications for 2013 are invited for new vaccination schemes involving two or more cattle farms in two new prioritised categories: the annual testing area comprising the counties of Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire; and the rest of the annual TB testing area.

Successful applicants will be awarded up to 50 per cent of their first year's eligible vaccination costs. This means the scheme is open only to new vaccination projects.

You do not need to have obtained a licence to trap and vaccinate badgers to apply for a grant, but payment of the grant is contingent on the work being completed in 2013.

How to apply

For more information, please email tbadmin@defra.gsi.gov.uk for an application pack; these should be returned no later than **14 June 2013**. Applications received after that will not be accepted. We aim to let successful applicants know about their awards in w/c 8 July.

Vaccination training in voluntary and community sector

Also, in 2013/14, this scheme will again support staff and volunteers from voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations who undertake vaccination training; and trained VCS lay vaccinators working in the field in respect of their annual certificate of competence.

Applications from VCS staff and volunteers for support with training, etc. should be made direct to the National Wildlife Management Centre, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratory Agency (NWMC, AHVLA) by emailing badgervaccine@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk or calling 08442480073. For more information, please visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/science/bovine-tb/bvdp/>.

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