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## APHA Briefing Note 48/22

# Removing third deputy Approved Veterinary Supervisors (AVSs) for fully authorised Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs)

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### Purpose

To give ATTs, AVSs and deputy AVSs advance notice that on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the third deputy AVS nomination option for fully authorised ATTs will be removed on the Improve Veterinary Education (formerly Improve International) Animal Health Paraprofessional (AHP) platform.

### Background

This change is in line with the current ATT policy for England and Wales and is detailed in the **TR539 (point 9)**, the **TR540 (point 15)** and the **TR541 (point 11)**:

[Requirements for the Approved Tuberculin Tester Qualification \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/requirements-for-the-approved-tuberculin-tester-qualification)

[The Approved Veterinary Supervisor Role \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/the-approved-veterinary-supervisor-role)

[TR541.pdf \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk/tr541.pdf)

Presently all ATTs (both conditional and fully authorised) can have more than two nominated deputy AVSs on the AHP platform. However, it was intended that the third deputy AVS option should only be used where an ATT needs to move to another practice to see the required number of reaction types during training. Therefore, only conditionally authorised ATTs should have the option to have more than two nominated deputy AVSs.

On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the third deputy AVSs listed for fully authorised ATTs will be removed. The third deputy AVS option will be retained for conditionally authorised ATTs until they are fully authorised.

## Action

Fully authorised ATTs are advised to review the AVS data currently held on their Improve Veterinary Education Personal Training Dashboard, especially if there are more than two deputies listed.

ATTs can check the details of their AVS and deputies by going to the ATT 'Training details' section of their Personal Training Dashboard at [improve-ahp.com](https://improve-ahp.com)

If ATTs wish to retain a particular deputy AVS who is currently recorded as the third deputy, they must ask their AVS to make any changes before the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The main AVS can update deputies by going to the link they received when they were nominated as a main AVS. They can request the link to be resent by emailing Improve Veterinary Education at [enquiries@improve-ahp.com](mailto:enquiries@improve-ahp.com).

Please note that only the main AVS can make changes to AVS details; ATTs and deputies are unable to do so.

Conditional ATTs should also check the AVS details on their Personal Training Dashboard to ensure that the correct two deputies will be retained once they are fully authorised ATTs.

## Further Information

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