



Veterinary Council Update - March 2015

1. Have you applied to renew your annual practising certificate?

If you haven't applied to renew your practising certificate it's illegal for you to practise from the start of the new practising year on 1 April 2015.

If you're in this situation **get onto this immediately**. Refer to our previous emails for details on how to apply on line or click [here](http://apc.vetcouncil.org.nz) (<http://apc.vetcouncil.org.nz>). Phone us on 04 473 9600 if you need help.

Blank applications are also available on our website [here](http://www.vetcouncil.org.nz/annualPracCert.php) (<http://www.vetcouncil.org.nz/annualPracCert.php>). We will accept faxed applications (to 04 473 8869) or scanned and emailed applications (to vet@vetcouncil.org.nz) if you are paying by credit card.

2. Free CPD course: Applied Outbreak Investigation: Ministry for Primary Industries

Date: 10 June 2015

Venue: MPI Investigation and Diagnostic Centre, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt

Maximum attendees: 25

Cost: **FREE OF CHARGE**

CPD points: this course will contribute 6 hours of continuing professional development as per VCNZ requirements. A certificate of attendance will be issued to participants

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Registration: Please complete the online form in this email or contact Jonathan Watts for additional details

Course synopsis: A day of CPD to guide disease outbreak investigation. Veterinary practitioners are frequently faced with a situation where a number of animals on a property have been affected by disease. Approaching investigation in a methodical manner can help to maximise efficiency in diagnosis and disease control. This course will take attendees through outbreak investigation in a practical stepwise manner. It will also include information on post mortem technique, sample collection and handling, and interpretation of diagnostic tests. The course is designed to be of practical use to clinicians to achieve the best outcomes for their clients in the timeliest manner.

Learning outcomes: By the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Apply practical methods for the investigation of disease outbreaks;
- Perform a post-mortem examination in the field, collect appropriate samples;
- Interpret diagnostic test results, and select the best diagnostic test for the specific purpose within the context of an outbreak investigation;
- Have an appreciation of significant emerging diseases within New Zealand.



Transport from Wellington to Upper Hutt will be provided free of charge

For further information please refer to the [attached flyer](#)

To enrol please complete the attached online registration form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5PQP7QZ>

Please note: A maximum of 25 attendees