



E V I L L E & J O N E S

Please see below enclosed most updated conditions and information regarding the course, training and other details about the **Veterinary Meat Hygiene Inspector (VMHI)** position so that you could go through them before the interview and ask any questions that arise.

1. The Role

The Multi – Area Veterinary Meat Hygiene Inspector (VMHI) (relief cover) will be working in various red and white meat abattoirs in the UK. The role involves carrying out post-mortem inspection of carcasses and offal and assisting the Official Veterinarian in other duties such as hygiene and animal welfare controls. The work will not be initially based in one location, and will require travel between different premises. There may be the opportunity to take up a fixed VMHI position in the future. Only those applicants with a desire to undertake further training to become an Official Veterinarian should apply for this position. Candidates may be assessed for attendance on the OV course at any time during their contract period and will be expected to attend the next OV course if selected.

2. Conditions

The conditions are: £9 per hour before tax (tax is approximately 25%), 30 hours a week minimum guaranteed, plus £300 accommodation allowance for the first month when your first placement has been confirmed. A company car, post mortem inspection equipment, protective clothing and company mobile telephone will be provided. We also provide paid 'Bed and Breakfast' accommodation during your initial training period only (approx. 3-4 weeks). You will need to pay for your own main meals. During the training period you will be able to claim the mileage to and from your training plant(s) but you will need to make sure you have sufficient funds to pay for the petrol with your own money and then claim it back in your expenses. Training is unpaid, once you start work, you will be paid your salary as above. If you require us to book the accommodation for the first week, once you start working in your permanent area, we are more than happy to help. We also provide you with references to rent accommodation.

3. Contract Period

This position is for an initial period of 6 months. During this 6-month period all applicants should be prepared to be assessed for further training as an Official Veterinarian. There may

also be the opportunity to continue working as a Veterinary Meat Hygiene Inspector beyond the initial 6-month period at the discretion of the Company.

4. RCVS Registration

Please be aware that in order to work in the UK as a vet you need to be registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) in the UK. Please log on to their website: www.rcvs.org.uk if you want to know which documents you need to register. Upon successful interview we will help you with your registration with the RCVS in terms of arranging the appointment and the correct documentation, you will need to pay your membership fee to join and renew every year. Please note that you will need to send all the required documents at least one week before coming to the UK to attend the course.

5. Training

The VMHI training consists of one week of theoretical training in Leeds and three to four weeks of practical training that may be organised anywhere in the United Kingdom (so you must be prepared to travel). The total period of practical training depends entirely on you and how quickly you will be able to get familiar with the work as a VMHI. Please be aware that after completing the training there may be a delay of up to three months in allocating you a position as a Veterinary Meat Hygiene Inspector. Only some of you will start straight away after the course, the others will have to wait. It will all depend on the available vacancies at the moment when you are ready to start working. Therefore you need to make sure you have sufficient funds to either stay in the UK to await a position or go back to your country and wait there.

6. Training Costs

The theoretical and practical training referred to above is free for those who remain available to commence work at any time in the three months following completion of their training and who subsequently complete their 6-month contract period. Anyone who is not able to take up a position offered to them within the three months following completion of their training, or who leaves the position prior to the completion of their 6 month contract period will be required to pay £750 as a contribution to the cost of their training.

7. Prior Training in Own Country

In order for you to be better prepared for taking up an MHI position we strongly advise that you complete a minimum of 30 hours practical training in slaughterhouses in your country before you come to the UK. You can contact any of your local slaughterhouses and ask if they would allow you to do this training at their premises. I have attached some guidance for this training in order to help you to understand which areas you need to get familiar with.

8. Driving

As a VMHI you will be required to drive a car in the UK and your training and subsequent work will involve a significant amount of travel. It is therefore essential that you are a competent driver and have held a driving licence for at least 1 year. At the interview we will be asking you questions about your driving skills and history.