

# WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BECOME A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL?

**To be eligible to serve as a livestock drug qualified individual, a person must be at least 18 years of age and meet either Option 1 or Option 2 below.**

## **Option 1: Complete a training program**

The training program completed must address the following subjects with regard to California prescription drugs:

- Applicable state and federal laws, including how to identify whether a product is a California prescription drug;
- The importance and obligations relative to drug use on livestock, including public health threats such as residue hazards to consumers and antimicrobial resistance;
- How to read and understand information contained on drug labels and package inserts, including cautionary statements and withdrawal times;
- How to read and understand a prescription and verify that it is in accordance with the labeled use for the prescribed drug. This shall include information on terminology, abbreviations, dosages, and routes of administration for drugs prescribed by veterinarians; and
- How to safely store and handle California prescription drugs in accordance with the storage conditions indicated on the manufacturer's label.

The training program completed must be administered by one of the following:

- Federal, state, or local government agency;
- University or college accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or
- Veterinarian technician program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

## **Option 2: Fulfillment of one of the following alternatives**

- Registration as a registered veterinary technician with the California Veterinary Medical Board;
- Eligibility to take the State Board of Pharmacy's pharmacist licensure examination or the California Veterinary Medical Board's veterinarian licensure examination; or
- Possession of a pharmacist license issued by the State Board of Pharmacy.

**Are you interested in becoming a livestock drug qualified individual?**

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