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How Do I Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian To Complete My Animal's Health Certificate?

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For the purposes of international travel and trade, most foreign countries require that the health certificate be issued (completed, signed, dated) by a USDA-accredited veterinarian before being endorsed (countersigned and

embossed/stamped) by APHIS.

Find Accredited Veterinarians

What Is a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian?

A USDA-accredited veterinarian has completed formal training from the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) in the State(s) they are licensed to practice medicine in. **Accreditation is State-specific** and voluntary (not all veterinarians are accredited).

How Do I Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian?

- **Call and ask your local veterinarian if they or another veterinarian in their practice is accredited**, or if they know of someone who is.
- Contact other local veterinary practices to ask them if they have an accredited veterinarian on staff.
- Use the NVAP self-search tool for finding accredited veterinarians in your area.
    - **Note:** Not all accredited veterinarians in your area may appear in the search since not all accredited veterinarians allow USDA-APHIS to release their information publicly.

Make sure your USDA-accredited veterinarian **is accredited in the State you're seeing them in!** APHIS **cannot** endorse your health certificate if your veterinarian is not accredited in the State where they're practicing medicine. Contact your State's NVAP coordinator to confirm your veterinarian's accreditation status.

NVAP Coordinator

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Birds and Livestock

If you're traveling with or shipping birds or livestock, make sure your veterinarian has a Category II accreditation status for completion of international health certificates for birds or livestock.

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