

Veterinary and veterinary technologist locums working in BC food animal practices pilot program

Examples of eligible locum arrangements

All of these locum arrangements are eligible because the veterinary practice continues to provide regular service to food animal clients during the locum period.

Veterinarians

A food animal veterinarian that was retired chooses to become (re)licensed with the CVBC and provides food animal locum services to a few clinics on a part-time basis. A mixed animal practice hires the locum. Knowing that the locum will allow the practice to continue to provide services to food animal clients as usual, when one of the practice veterinarians goes on vacation.

A small animal or equine locum is hired by a mixed animal practice. The practice veterinarians continue to provide services to food animal clients as usual. They use the locum to provide relief from companion animal or equine caseload, so the practice veterinarians can focus on other things such as providing extra food animal capacity during busy times (calving, pregnancy checking, semen testing), catching up on CE or practice management, or taking rotating time away from work.

A newer graduate, PLA veterinarian, or a veterinarian coming out of urban practice is interested in mixed animal practice, but needs to spend some time gaining experience and finding out if this type of practice is a good fit. The locum provides companion animal services (the PSA veterinarian must follow direct personal supervision requirement) and accompanies the practice veterinarians on food animal calls to gain experience with food animal practice and get to know the farming community.

Registered Veterinary Technologists

A newer graduate or an RVT from an urban area interested in providing services in farming and/or rural areas but needs to spend some time gaining experience and finding out if this type of practice is a good fit. The locum provides companion animal services in the practice and also works with the practice veterinarians and RVTs on food animal cases to gain experience with food animal practice and get to know the farming community.

An RVT with experience in food animal practice is hired as a locum at a mixed animal practice to help the mixed animal practice develop a better understanding of how RVTs can be used in food animal practice, and determine if expanding their use of RVTs for food animal practice is of value to their business. The locum may provide training to clinic RVTs and other staff on the RVT role in food animal work.

An RVT companion animal locum is hired by a mixed animal practice. The practice continues to provide services to food animal clients as usual. They use the locum to provide relief on the companion animal caseload, so the practice RVTs can focus on other things such as providing extra food animal capacity during busy times (calving, semen testing, fall calf processing), catching up on CE or practice management, or taking rotating time away from work.

A RVT that was retired chooses to become (re)licensed and provides locum services to a few clinics on a part-time basis.