


## Quick Reference Guide to PSGHS Accreditation – Sheep and Goats

Disease	Qualifying Testing (QT)	Tests/ Samples	Annual Accreditation	Important Information
 <p>MV/CAE</p>	<p><b>Two qualifying tests on all animals aged 12 months and older. Qualifying tests to be carried out between 6-12 months apart.</b></p> <p>First qualifying test can be done on a proportion ONLY if the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flock/herd established for a minimum of 3 years</li> <li>At least 90% of female replacements are homebred.</li> <li>All purchased animals in the past 3 years have come from MV/CAE accredited flocks/herds.</li> <li>There is no other animal on holding(s) that is to remain non-MV/CAE accredited.</li> </ul> <p>All rams/billies must be tested in qualifying tests</p>	<p>Antibody Blood Red top tubes</p>	<p><b>First routine periodic blood test (RPBT)</b> on animals aged 18 months of age or older; due a maximum of 12 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> QT. <b>Second RPBT</b> due a maximum of 2 years after the first RPBT. <b>Thereafter</b> RPBT every 3 years (<i>unless member has non-accredited stock too</i>). All males 18 months and older must be tested at each RPBT</p> <p>Test ALL purchased stock 6-12 months after arrival.</p> <p><b>If member has non-MV/CAE accredited flock</b> screen 12 cull females alongside RPBT. (<i>If +ve results in cull screen or if screen not done then RPBT each year.</i>)</p>	<p>Owner declaration must be signed each year to confirm rules followed.</p> <p>All MV/CAE accredited animals over 12 months of age and not tested since arrival must be tested (<i>for 55 animals plus - use testing table to calculate test number</i>).</p> <p>Separately managed groups need to be treated as individual flocks.</p> <p><i>Testing Table in rules shows minimum number of animals to be tested for group size.</i></p>
Johne's	<p><b>All animals 12 months of age &amp; over tested at 12 month intervals.</b></p> <p>Complete Health plan with vet each year &amp; keep on farm.</p> <p>Discuss with vet if flock/herd is Johne's vaccinated</p>	<p>Antibody Blood Red top tubes.</p>	<p>ALL animals aged 1 years &amp; over every 12 months. Three clear flock/herd tests equates to the highest Level 1 (R1). Eligible for biennial testing after flock/herd has been R1 for at least 2 years.</p>	<p>Awarded Risk level from 1-5 according to clear tests or % of positives.</p> <p>All cull animals must be tested each year in case of biennial testing.</p>
EAE	<p><b>Annual blood test of ewes within 3 months of lambing.</b></p> <p>MUST include aborted ewes and ewes that failed to lamb. In the first year up to a maximum of 90 ewes to be tested. Ewes barren at scanning do not need to be tested.</p>	<p>Antibody Blood Red top tubes.</p>	<p>Following negative results in the first year - up to maximum of 45 ewes will be tested in the second and subsequent years.</p> <p>Flocks on more than one holding should be sampled individually.</p>	<p>Blood sample a statistical proportion of breeding ewes (see table in rules and guidance on selecting animals). EAE supervised status is awarded after 1 clear test. EAE accredited status is awarded after 2 clear tests.</p>

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<b>MV/CAE</b>	<p>Discuss re- testing with your vet and PSGHS vet.</p> <p>The flock/herd must pass 2 QT. The 1 QT to take place 6 months after the removal of the last infected animal. The 2QT to take place 6-12 months later.</p> <p>Each test must include all animals aged 12 months or older.</p>	Antigen Blood/Red top tubes	<p>All infected animals must be removed from the flock/herd, preferably to slaughter plus lambs/kids(including those fed milk from infected animals).</p> <p>If lambs/kids can't be identified where they have been given infected milk – wait until offspring are 12 months of age before QT testing for accreditation.</p>
<b>Johne's</b>	<p>If Johne's disease has not been recognised in flock/herd before then discuss resampling test positives with your vet.</p> <p>Positive animals should be culled &amp; offspring of positive females should not be retained for breeding.</p> <p>Developing a health plan with your vet to minimise the risk of Johne's is essential.</p>	Blood/Red Top  Faeces	<p>Flocks/herds are accredited as Risk level from 1-4 according to no. of positives. Members who enrol in the programme but don't follow the rules are Risk Level 5. Lambs/kids from test positives are high risk animals &amp; should not be kept or sold for breeding.</p>
<b>EAE</b>	<p>Unfortunately if EAE is found in the flock it can not be part of the EAE accreditation scheme.</p> <p>However the PSGHS vet will work with your vet to plan next steps in controlling EAE.</p>	Antibody  Blood/Red top clotted tubes.	