

Returning to assessments as usual

RSPCA Assured March 2021

Phase three

Contactless assessments, normal schedule - Commencing 21st June
(Gov step 4 - all legal limits on social contact lifted)

Full return to normal assessment scheduling, using contactless protocol.

Phase two

Contactless assessments, normal schedule - allowing for exceptional circumstances -
Commencing 17th May (Government step 3 - rule of 6 indoors)

Physical visits to units resume for all members using contactless protocol. Any member experiencing exceptional circumstances should discuss these with their assessor at point of scheduling. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by RSPCA Assured senior management.

Phase one

Contactless assessments, with mutual agreement - Current phase since 1st July 2020

Physical visits to units will continue where both parties (RSPCA Assured and the member) agree this is acceptable. Remote assessment protocol available as required.
RSPCA Assured protocol for contactless assessments will be communicated in advance to any member receiving a physical visit.

Timing

Phase one is the current phase which commenced on July 1st 2020. Further phase timings will be subject to regular review of current UK Government Covid-19 guidance. Providing the Government roadmap continues to the timescales laid out, our plan to return to normal assessments will continue in line with the dates specified. We aim to progress through the phases however we may have to revert to a prior phase if our review of Government advice or other factors indicate this is necessary. At this time, this plan is in line with the guidance in all England and three devolved nations. This will continue to be reviewed.

Other notes:

These phases relate to agricultural assessments only. Supply chain audits will be communicated separately.

Contactless Assessment protocol:

We have devised a detailed protocol for use by our assessors and any member receiving a physical visit to their unit.

Full details of these can be found on our website, and will be discussed at length by our assessors prior to and during your assessment.