

Official Veterinarians for the Danish Veterinary, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Agency, starting autumn 2026

Work in Denmark

Would you like to work in a country with high standards of animal welfare, food safety, and veterinary professionalism? And are you interested in developing your skills in a key regulatory role within one of Europe's most respected veterinary authorities?



Danish Veterinary, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Agency

The Danish Veterinary, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Agency is seeking official veterinarians for permanent positions in our meat inspection units, starting in autumn 2026. The positions are open to international candidates who are motivated to relocate to Denmark and work within a Danish government agency.

About the Position

You will become part of the agency's meat inspection service, which oversees the inspection of live animals and meat at slaughterhouses across Denmark. Our purpose is to ensure that food produced in Denmark complies with both national and international standards.

The work is carried out from the agency's local inspection sections, which are physically located at the slaughterhouse you are assigned to. You will be part of a team consisting of veterinarians, inspection technicians, administrative staff, and a section manager.

Your Responsibilities

As an official veterinarian, your tasks will include:

Case handling and daily control reports

You will be responsible for preparing the daily control report and handling cases in accordance with applicable legislation. We provide thorough training in both systems and legal procedures to ensure you feel confident in the role.

Ante-mortem inspection with focus on animal welfare

You will assess the health and welfare of animals prior to slaughter, including determining fitness for transport and proper handling. You play a key role in ensuring high standards of animal welfare.

Inspection of animal transport during unloading

Control tasks related to food safety, hygiene, and export

Your work will span inspections, audits, hygiene checks, animal health tasks, and issuing export certificates. The job is varied and allows you to apply your full veterinary expertise.

Professional assessments on the slaughter line

You will evaluate diseased animals, suspected diagnoses, and quality issues.

Routine line inspection is carried out by inspection technicians and only performed by veterinarians in exceptional cases.

You will hold an important regulatory position representing the Danish veterinary authority. Clear, professional, and solution-oriented communication is essential, also in busy situations.

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Location

We hire veterinarians continuously for several inspection sections across Denmark. Your workplace will be the slaughterhouse associated with your inspection section. The exact location will be agreed later in the process based on your preferences and the agency's staffing needs.

About You

Required qualifications:

- You hold a veterinary license that can be recognised in Denmark. You can read more about the process here.
- You can speak and write English.

We also value that you:

- Are motivated to learn Danish, which is our official working language
- Are interested in working within a public authority and performing on-site inspection
- Thrive in a professional team and appreciate collaboration
- Approach your work responsibly and professionally
- Are curious, structured, and eager to develop

Practical experience with meat inspection is not required. We provide comprehensive training, and you will always have colleagues to consult.

Working as a Veterinarian in Denmark

Denmark offers one of Europe's most modern and secure labour markets. Many foreign veterinarians highlight:

- A healthy balance between work and private life
- A work culture based on trust, cooperation, and flat hierarchies
- Strong opportunities for continuing education and skill development
- A strong focus on health, safety, and employee wellbeing

As an official veterinarian, you become part of a veterinary system internationally recognised for its high standards and evidence-based approach to food safety and animal health.

Relocating to Denmark

For candidates relocating to Denmark, we offer:

- Introduction to Danish workplace and regulatory culture
- Training in tasks, procedures, and relevant IT systems
- Opportunity to participate in Danish language courses with the goal of reaching professional authority level
- Guidance on authorisation, tax, pension, health insurance, etc.

You will join a workplace where many colleagues have already been through the relocation process, so we make sure you get a good start.

Salary and Employment

You will be employed under the Danish collective agreement for academics in the state sector, including the protocol on veterinarians at export approved slaughterhouses.

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Veterinarians at export slaughterhouses receive an additional monthly allowance of:

- 5,808.44 DKK (for salary steps 1–5), or
- 7,473.94 DKK (for salary steps 6 and above).

In addition, all veterinarians receive a special allowance of 2,883.40 DKK per month. A qualification allowance may also be negotiated based on your competencies. The pension contribution for veterinarians at export slaughterhouses is 18.07%.

The employment area is the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and its institutions.

Application

We are hiring veterinarians for autumn 2026.

If you would like to hear more about the role as an official veterinarian in the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, or if you already wish to submit an unsolicited application, you are very welcome to contact us at kkhr@fvst.dk

Please include your CV, veterinary degree certificate, and any relevant documents. We will get back to you as soon as we have reviewed your application.

You can read more about the Danish Veterinary, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Agency at www.fvst.dk, and watch a video about working in Meat Inspection here:

<https://foedevarestyrelsen.dk/om-os/job/moed-os/maria-christensen-dyrlaege>

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

There're 3 vacant positions

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