# National Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Surveillance Program (NTSESP) Criteria Form

| This Criteria Form must be submitted with a completed: | ☐ DDLS Animal Pathology Diagnostic Submission Form and, |
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| | ☐ NTSESP Criteria Form |

## Submission details

| Your reference | | Date sent | |
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## Submitted by

| Name | |
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| **Practice Name/District Office** | |
| **Postal Address** | |

| Shire/town/suburb | | State | | Postcode | |
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| Landline | | Mobile | | Email | |
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## Owner details

| PIC | | Trading Name | |
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| Property Name | |
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| **Owner Name** | |

| Property Identification Number | | GPS Coordinates | |
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| Property Address | |
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## Additional information required for TSE program submission

| Animal 1 details | | Animal 2 details | |
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| Animal 1 age (estimate in years) | | Animal 2 age (estimate in years) | |
| Is Animal 1 homebred? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | Is Animal 2 homebred? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| NLIS number | | NLIS number | |

## Select a minimum of two clinical signs consistent with BSE for each animal

| Cattle criteria | | Sheep/goat criteria | | |
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| **Mental status** | | **Mental status** | | **Animal 1** |
| ☐ | Altered consciousness | ☐ | Altered consciousness | |
| ☐ | Apprehension | ☐ | Apprehension | |
| ☐ | Behaviour change | ☐ | Behaviour change | |
| ☐ | Herd hierarchy change | ☐ | Frenzy | |
| ☐ | Excitability | ☐ | Moribund without infection/trauma | |
| ☐ | Frenzy | ☐ | Temperament change | |
| ☐ | Hesitation at doors, gates, barriers | ☐ | | |
| ☐ | Moribund without infection/trauma | ☐ | | |
| ☐ | Teeth grinding | ☐ | | |

| Sensation | | Sensation | | Animal 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Blindness | ☐ | Blindness | |
| ☐ | Excessive licking of the nose or flank | ☐ | Hyperaesthesia (sound, touch) | |
| ☐ | Head rubbing or pressing | ☐ | Hypoaesthesia (sound, touch) | |
| ☐ | Head shyness | ☐ | Rubbing/itching | |
| ☐ | Hyperaesthesia (sound, touch) | ☐ | Wool loss (flank and hindquarters | |
| ☐ | Hypoaesthesia (sound, touch) | ☐ | | |
| ☐ | Kicking persistently when milked | ☐ | | |
| **Posture and movement** | | **Posture and movement** | | |
| ☐ | Abnormal ear position | ☐ | Abnormal head carriage | |
| ☐ | Abnormal head carriage | ☐ | Ataxia | |
| ☐ | Ataxia | ☐ | Circling | |
| ☐ | Circling | ☐ | Falling | |
| ☐ | Falling | ☐ | Recumbency | |
| ☐ | Recumbency | ☐ | Tremor | |
| ☐ | Tremor | ☐ | Fetlock knuckling | |
| ☐ | Fetlock knuckling | ☐ | Paralysis/paresis | |
| ☐ | Paralysis/paresis | ☐ | | |

**Please confirm you are submitting the required TSE exclusion samples**

| ☐ | Fresh dorsal cerebellum (Sheep only) | ☐ | Fresh spinal cord (2-3 cm in length) |
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| ☐ | Fixed rest of brain (whole) | ☐ | Other samples to support a diagnosis* |

\* required if collecting extra significant disease investigation $100 DPIRD rebate

For details on the required brain samples, see DPIRD's Brain removal and TSE sampling guide

## TSE eligibility criteria

1. Cattle must be at least 30 months but less than nine years of age

2. Sheep and goats must be 18 months of age and older (preferably less than 5 years)

3. Observed alive by the submitter

4. Displayed at least two of the signs consistent with a TSE in that species (see lists above)

5. No more than two animals can be submitted to the NTSEP, for this disease incident

| ☐ | **Confirmation of eligibility**<br>I confirm that the animal(s) meet all of these TSE eligibility criteria and all the required samples are being submitted. |
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| **Signature** | | **Date** | |
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Results from the testing may be contributed to DPIRD State and Commonwealth databases.