



National BQA certification available free through April 15.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI) announced they would once again be picking up the tab for BQA certification until April 15.

For the second year, BIVI is partnering with the checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program to sponsor certification for all producers who enroll through April 15. [Take advantage of the open certification period here.](#)

The BQA certification modules are customized to fit each segment of the cattle industry — cow-calf, stocker, feedyard and dairy operations. The program covers best management practices such as proper handling and administration of vaccinations and other products, eliminating injection-site blemishes, and better cattle handling principles. **Producers who complete the on-line training are Certified BQA Producers under the National BQA program.**

BQA Certification in New York.

To become fully BQA certified in New York requires a few extra steps beyond the National BQA program. Full certification requires:

- BQA lecture and test (National BQA certification would qualify)
- Attend and complete chuteside training
- Submit a Veterinary Client Patient Relationship Form (VCPR)
- Sign BQA best management practices contract



Therefore to be fully NY BQA certified, a producer would need to attend a chuteside training, obtain a VCPR, and sign a contract.

For information on upcoming BQA training in New York contact Carol Gillis, cgillis@nybeef.org, 315-339-3060 or Mike Baker, mjb28@cornell.edu, 607-255-5923.