



National Sheep Association

Guidance notes for NSA members using the Lambing List

During the application process

- Once NSA has verified the information you have provided, it will be published on the NSA Lambing List in the 'work experience' area at www.nsanextgeneration.org.uk. This is an open-access page that all students can view.
- The Lambing List is aimed at students seeking a work experience placement and NSA does everything it can to make it clear that farmers using the list are not offering paid or permanent positions.
- All placements are agreed between farmer and student; NSA is only responsible for registering and publishing your details so it is up to you to decide if a student is suitable.
- Do not feel you have to take the first student who applies. Lots of students use the list and it is unlikely that you'll only be approached by one. Ask them questions to see if they will suit your system.
- Once you have found a suitable student, notify NSA and your advert will be taken down so no one else contacts you.

In advance or immediately on the student arriving

- Introduce them to your farm, giving them an overview of their tasks and what is expected of them. To prevent problems further down the line, agree hours, accommodation, provision of meals, clothing requirements, washing facilities, breaks and days off, and wages/payment if this is something you intend on providing.
- Explain how to use medicines, injection sites, husbandry procedures (e.g. castration and tail docking) and giving supervision until you are sure they are competent. Even if a student advertises themselves as experienced, farms they've previously worked on might have had different systems and practices.
- Remember, students are there to learn so review their progress periodically and be prepared to provide additional training if it's needed. Be prepared to answer questions at appropriate times and explain procedures, even if they seem obvious to you.

Looking ahead

- Once you've placed an advert on the NSA Lambing List one year, you will receive notification the next year to let you know the service has gone live again.
- The NSA Lambing List is growing each year, so to make sure NSA is providing you with the best possible service, please email any thoughts or feedback to enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk.