

Video Ante-Mortem Inspection (VAMI)

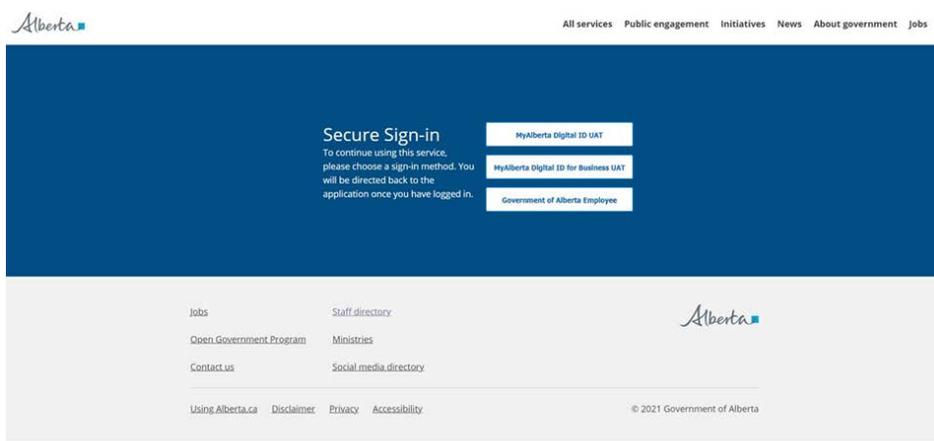
How to access the VAMI online tool



The VAMI slaughter option is designed for animals that cannot be transported to an abattoir, to receive an ante-mortem inspection via video technology and be humanely slaughtered on site. This inspection allows the animal to be inspected according to Alberta's *Meat Inspection Act (MIA)* and Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR) and be sold. Follow the steps in this document to access and use the VAMI online platform.

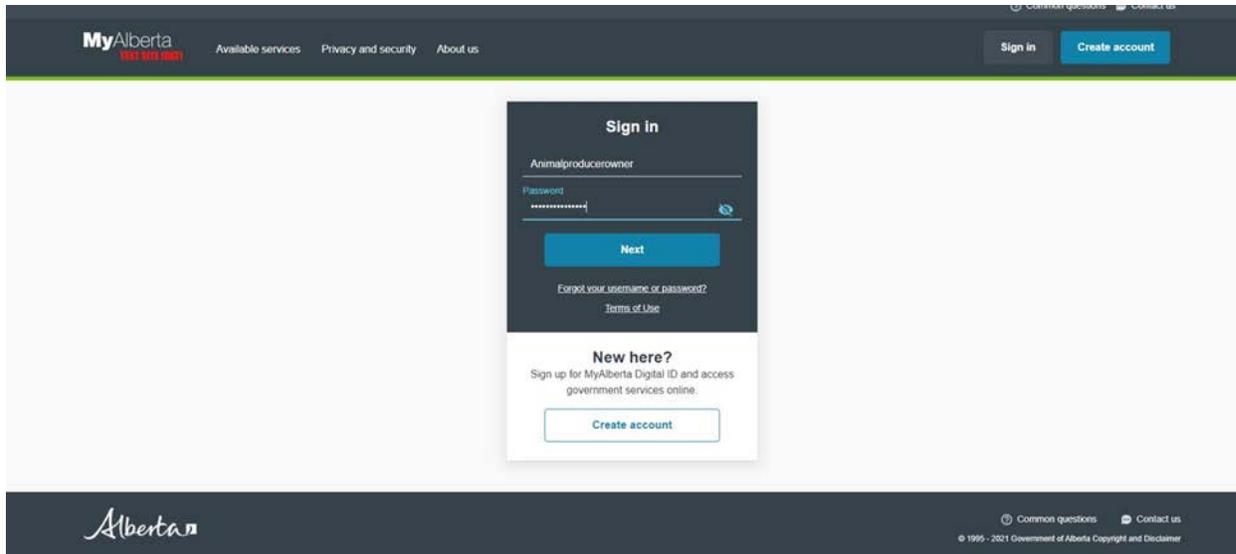
The VAMI process

- 1) The Producer determines that the animal meets the program criteria.**
For example, the animal is unfit for transport, its ability to be transported is compromised, or it cannot be transported for another reason that has been approved by the Director.
- 2) The Requester contacts the Operator of a provincially licensed abattoir to request a VAMI slaughter.**
Arrangements must be made with the abattoir operator prior to the stun and bleed of the VAMI animal. The Operator may or may not be able to accommodate receipt of the animal.
- 3) The Operator contacts the Alberta regional supervisor to schedule the inspection.**
An approved inspector must be available to conduct both the ante-mortem and the post-mortem inspections of the animal.
- 4) The Operator informs the Requester of the date and time of the inspection.**
The inspection may proceed as once arrangements are made.
- 5) The Requester logs on to the VAMI on-line tool at <https://goaproduct.service-now.com/vami>**

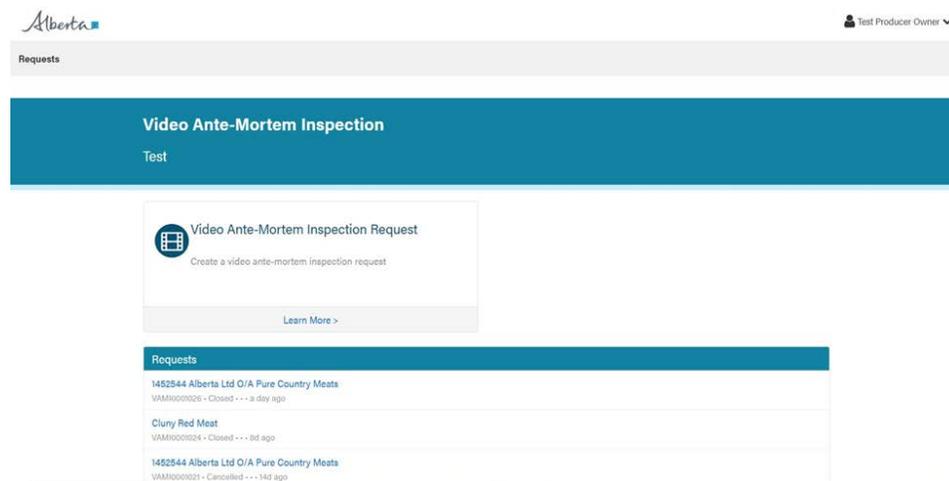


- 6) Requester completes the online intake form.**

Click on MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) or MyAlberta Digital ID for Business (MADI-B). You will see a window that looks like this:



Fill in the username and password for the MADI / MADI-B account. If you do not have an account, you can apply for a basic account on the spot. The VAMI home page will look like this:



Requester fills in answers to the form. Some fields are mandatory and marked with a red asterisk. The form cannot be submitted with mandatory information missing.

7) The Requester takes a video of the animal.

When the Requester clicks on the “attach video” icon, they have the option to attach a video from their storage/gallery or to take the video directly with their camera.

The Requester can attach additional video or photos if necessary.

8) Inspector views the video.

The video must clearly demonstrate the reason that the animal cannot be transported to an abattoir and why VAMI is necessary.

If more information is required, the Inspector will contact (via phone) the Requester to discuss what is needed prior to making an inspection decision.

9) Inspector notifies the Requester of the VAMI of the outcome.

There are three possible outcomes to the inspection:

- 1) "Pass" If the animal passes the ante-mortem inspection, the inspector authorizes the stun and bleed of the animal.
- 2) "Fail" If the animal does not pass the ante-mortem inspection, it is condemned or held for further direction from the Inspector.
- 3) "AM inspection not performed" This option is used if an inspection cannot be performed due to technical difficulties (poor video, failed attachment upload, cell phone dies, etc.). If this scenario occurs, the requester has options to deal with their animal outside of the VAMI process, see Section 4.5.

10) If the animal passes the inspection, then it is stunned and bled and the animal is transported to the abattoir.

The animal is NOT eviscerated (skinned and gutted) until it reaches the abattoir, only the stun and bleed occurs at the site of the ante-mortem inspection. After a "pass" on ante mortem inspection the Requester must complete the form by entering the time of the stun and bleed and click on the declaration box.

Stun and bleed

I declare that the animal described above was slaughtered following best practices by the following individual at the time indicated.

Who performed stun and bleed?

-- None --

Name

Actual time of stun and bleed

11) The animal arrives at the abattoir within two hours of the stun and bleed

The evisceration is completed as soon as possible upon arrival at the abattoir.

12) Post-mortem inspection is conducted.

If the carcass passes the post-mortem inspection, it proceeds to chilling and processing as per facility procedures.

If the carcass does not pass the post-mortem inspection, the carcass is disposed of according to abattoir procedures.

NOTE: The abattoir operator has the choice to accept the animal into their facility.

An operator may be unable to complete the slaughter and/or may not have the cooler space to chill the carcass. The Requester may be required to contact another operator if this occurs.