Recertification of ECVS Diplomates

Reference letter

For quality assurance purposes, reference letters are a necessary part of the re-certification process in order to have third parties attest to a Diplomate’s good standing within the profession, and his or her continued activity in the specialty. This is an EBVS requirement for those wishing to remain on the EBVS list of Specialists.

Name of person supplying reference: ……………………………………………………….

Name of diplomate applying for recertification: ……………………………..…………………….

Year of application for recertification: …….………

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

One referee should be an ECVS Diplomate from the same country. If there are no professionally qualified persons in the applicant's country or specialty, specialists in other disciplines or a senior colleague (e.g. Head of Department, Dean) may act as a referee. Only one academic colleague at the same institute may provide a reference.

As a colleague ECVS diplomate from the same country

As a colleague ECVS diplomate from a different country

As a diplomate from a different discipline

As a senior colleague (head of department, dean,…)

2. How long have you known the applicant's work?

A referee must normally have known the applicant for the five-year period prior to application/re-application that the applicant is offering as experience in their speciality.

………………… years

3. List the criteria by which, in your opinion, the applicant is maintaining their EBVS Specialist status.

* He/she has been practising (through practice, teaching and/or research) his/her specialty for at least 60% of the time (24 hours per week), for the last 5 years
* He/she demonstrates satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession
* He/she practices scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with animal welfare legislation
* He/she promotes continuous improvement in the quality and standard of specialist practice
* He/she communicates effectively to the public and to professional colleagues

I confirm that I am not a relative or partner of the applicant

I confirm that my reference is professional

I signify below my whole-hearted support for this application

Signature:

Name (in capital letters):

Date: