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Recertification information

Please note your documents will be evaluated according to the criteria published on the web site.

Please submit your recertification application via "Your ECVS" no later than July 31st in the year your recertification is due (see www.ecvs.org).

An application will NOT be evaluated unless

- 1. all supporting documentation is included in a Zip file***
- 2. it is typed**
- 3. the form is completed accurately****

* it is unnecessary to include the full text of published journal papers – list the journal reference and include a copy of the first page

** an electronic signature is acceptable

Sanctions

Failure to re-certify will result in the loss of training opportunities of **future** Residents. Current Residents will be able to complete their programme. Further, you will no longer be able to use the title European Specialist and your name will be removed from the EBVS list of active Diplomates.

Recertification can be obtained in two ways: (1.) the practical examination, as the sole method for re-certification, or (2.) the credit point system.

1. The Diplomate sits and passes the practical part of the annual certifying examination for residents

OR

2. The Diplomate confirms that he/she is active in veterinary surgery. Letters of reference from two individuals should be included using the template available on the website. A surgical case log may also be requested. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements may be fulfilled by accumulating a **minimum of 100 credit points** (cp) over a period of 5 years from at least two of the categories set out below

Supervision of residents according to the ECVS Training Guidelines by the registered supervisor

- 5 cp per year per resident/alternate resident. Maximum 2 residents per year i.e. 10 cp per year.

List names and year training started for each of your residents/trainees

Publications (peer-reviewed journals) fulfilling the criteria of

- a) first-authored publication according to ECVS Training Guidelines
 - ➔ 20 cp per publication;
- b) recent (within the past 5 years) surgery textbook chapters
 - ➔ 10 cp per chapter;
- c) non-first-authored publication according to ECVS Training Guidelines
 - ➔ 10 cp per publication;
- d) case reports
 - ➔ first author 10 cp, co-author 5 cp

Presentation relating to the field of specialisation at national or international congresses (the lectures should be on a surgical topic and the meeting should be advertised nationally or internationally)

- *list the meeting & attach the programme*
 - ➔ 10 cp per international presentation;
 - ➔ 5 cp per national meeting;
 - ➔ maximum 50 cp per meeting

Attendance at ECVS or ACVS Annual Meetings

Attendance at 2 ECVS Annual Meetings in the 5 year period is mandatory. In exceptional circumstances, an AVCS meeting may be substituted for an ECVS meeting by prior agreement with the Recertification Committee.

- ➔ 10 cp per meeting; maximum 60 cp

Membership of the ECVS Examination, Credentials or Programme Committee

- ➔ 15 cp per year, maximum 45 cp

Preparation of valid, accepted ECVS Examination Questions

- ➔ 5 cp per question; maximum 30 cp

Case logs. Minimum of 200 surgical cases per year. Equine logs may contain 50 surgical cases and 150 cases of lameness work-up. Please attach completed logs using the same format as used for resident credential evaluation.

- ➔ 10 cp per each year