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## Recertification Form for ECPVS

ECPVS - BYLAWS & INTERIM RULES AND REGULATIONS, September 2017, Article 2.8 Re-certification:

*The Diplomate is required to send in each 5 years a summary of his/her professional activities. The format of this summary has to be approved of by the EBVS. The summaries will be evaluated by the Re-certification Committee. In addition, Diplomates should ask two senior colleagues or authorities to send to the College a letter of reference certifying that the Diplomate in question has been active in practising his/her speciality for the last 5 years at the specialist level (see EBVS Policies & Procedures Appendix 9). The type of the reference letter shall be according to the EBVS Policies and Procedures. Self-certification of the members of the committee responsible for re-certification must be avoided. Every application will be evaluated by a minimum of two reviewers. A third reviewer may be included at the discretion of the Committee if there is any conflict in the reports of the first two reviewers.*

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Policies of the EBVS – November 2017: II. Guidelines for the establishment, recognition and supervision of Colleges: H. Policy on re-certification:

*As is stated in the Policies section II, part A.14 of the EBVS, a standard procedure has to be established in which the prerequisites for re-certification of the Diplomates for membership of the College are described. This re-certification has to be done under the responsibility of the College.*

*Certified Diplomates have to practise their speciality for more than 60% of their time, based on a working week of 40 hours. Certification or re-certification in two colleges or in two sub-specialities of the same college is not possible (see also Appendix 1, sections 7, 11, and 18).*

*In addition, to remain certified, a Diplomate must attend the Annual General Meeting of the College, at least once in three years, unless previous dispensation from the College has been granted.*

*The re-certification procedure can include the following items (Appendices 10, and 1.22):*

- 1. Publications*
- 2. Presentations at national congresses or Continuing Education*

3. Presentations at international congresses
4. Attendance at national or international congresses
5. Online/distance learning
6. Preparing examination questions
7. Supervision of Residents
8. Membership of Board or College committees
9. Two letters of reference (Appendix 9)

For each item a maximum number of points can be given. A total minimum amount of points has to be collected during a 5 year period. Each College has its own responsibility in creating such a 100 credit point system, but it has to be sent to and approved by the EBVS.

If a Diplomate does not meet the required number of points, they can be given one year extra in which to achieve at least the number of missing points. If they succeed, they will then be re-evaluated four years from the end of the extra year. If they do not succeed, or if for any other reason a Diplomate does not re-certify, they will be made non-certified Diplomates by their College, removed from the EBVS specialist register, and may use the title of 'Diplomate', but not the title of "Specialist". A noncertified Diplomate seeking to revert to certified Diplomate status needs to satisfy the Credentials Committee of the College.

The veterinary profession has received the prerogative for diagnosis and treatment of animal diseases based on the assumption that veterinarians work in the public interest and are guided by scientific methods. The EBVS therefore only recognises scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with animal welfare legislation. Specialists or Colleges who/which practise or support implausible treatment modalities with no proof of effectiveness run the risk of withdrawal of their specialist status. No credit points can be granted for education or training in these so-called supplementary, complementary and alternative treatment modalities.

**IMPORTANT:**

**Only activities from the five calendar years pre-ceding the year of re-evaluation can be reported. Future activities may not be included.**

**The re-certification will be granted only if at least 100 points are reached in total, taking into account the maximum allowable scores for the different sections. As a result of the implementation of the decisions taken during ECPVS Annual General Meeting in Nantes, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013, please note that it is necessary that the points should be gained in at least four of the eight listed categories.**

The complete recertification form can be found in the 'Members area' of the ECPVS website.