

Re-certification criteria of the ECBHM

In compliance with II.A.13 of the Policies and Procedures of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation, the European College of Bovine Health Management establishes the following system for periodic re-evaluation of practising Diplomates.

Every five years, practising Diplomates must provide evidence for their involvement in the field of Bovine Health Management during the preceding five years. They have to accumulate a minimum total of 100 credit points in various mandatory or optional categories, as detailed below. No credit points can be granted for education or training in non-scientific or non-evidence-based medicine.

Mandatory Categories (minimum 50, maximum 90 credit points required)

- Submission of questions for the Certifying Examination
- Attendance at national or international buiatrics congresses
- Publications in the field of bovine health management

Submission of questions for the Certifying Examination*				
<i>Minimum: 10 points, maximum 40 points</i>	Points / question	# of questions	Year of submission	Total
Single best answer questions	1			
Long questions	2			
Problem-based questions	3			
Total overall				

* **The examination questions** (labeling them with their type / single best answer, long-, problem-based /, and year of submission) **need to be sent as a separate text file (in doc or rtf format)** to the same E-mail address as given at the end of the 2nd page of this document.

Attendance at congresses in the field of bovine health management*			
<i>Minimum: 20 points, maximum 60 points</i>	Points / half day	# of half days	Total
International congress	4		
Other congress	2		

* A list of the congresses with a description (e.g. World Buiatrics Congress), the date and location must be provided at the end of this document.

Publications in the field of bovine health management*			
<i>Minimum: 7 points, maximum 60 points</i>	Points / publication	# of publications	Total
Full length paper (impact factor ≥ 0.7)	10		
Paper in other peer-reviewed journal	5		
Book chapter and review paper	8		
Published abstract, short communication	2		
Total overall			

* A list of the publications (including the impact factor of the journal) must be provided at the end of this document.

Optional Categories (minimum 10 credit points required)

- Presentation at national or international buiatrics congresses
- Contributions to continuing professional development for practitioners
- Training of residents
- Serving on committees

Presentations at national or international buiatrics congresses*			
<i>Maximum: 40 points</i>	Points / presentation	# of presentations	Total
Oral presentation at international congress	10		

Oral presentation at national congress	4		
Poster (first author)	3		
Total overall			

* Presentations must be documented with the title, the type of presentation (workshop, oral presentation, poster), and the date and location of the event. A list of the presentations must be provided at the end of this document.

Contributions to continuing professional development for practitioners *			
<i>Maximum 40 points</i>	Points / hour	# of hours	Total
Lectures and / or courses	2		

* An hour of training activity is defined as a 45-minutes (equals 1 academic hour) contact period of the Diplomate with practitioners; during this time either new information on topics relative to bovine health management is provided in form of an oral presentation or the participants (practitioners) have the opportunity to acquire new skills in the field of bovine health management under the guidance of the Diplomate. Credit points can be obtained maximum twice per year for the same presentation or workshop. Training activity must be listed at the end of this document, indicating the title, the type of training (presentation, workshop), the duration of the lectures or courses, the number of participants, and the date and location of the event.

Training of residents			
<i>Maximum: 30 points</i>	Points/resident-year	# of resident-year	Total
Resident/year of supervision (responsible)*	6		
Resident/year of supervision (additional)*	3		

* According to the Application for Approval of Standard Residency Programme, which must be documented by attaching a copy of this document.

Serving on committees			
<i>Maximum: 20 points</i>	Points / year	# of years	Total
Examination Committee	5		
Education & Residency Committee	5		
Credentials Committee	5		
Nomination Committee	5		
Appeal Committee	5		
Board*	5		
Chairmanship of a Committee	3		
Total overall			

* The President and Vice-President are *ex officio* members of all committees, but may count points in one category only. A written confirmation of service indicating function and year must be provided.

The credit points in excess of the points required in the mandatory categories can be achieved by a variety of combinations from the optional categories.

Signed and dated applications for re-evaluation must be sent electronically (pdf format is preferred but other generally used formats are acceptable as well) to Mrs. J. Heisler at the Central Office of the College: admin@ecbhm.org

Failed re-certification, re-submission of re-certification credentials

Diplomates who fail to submit their credentials in time and/or do not fulfil the criteria for re-certification remain practising members of the College for one year immediately following evaluation and can re-submit credentials for re-certification once (one year after failed re-certification).

If such individuals fail to re-submit credentials and/or still do not fulfil the criteria (upgraded for a period of 6 year, i.e. 120% of basic requirements), they become **non-practising Diplomates** according to Article 2.3. of the Bylaws of the ECBHM. For reverting from non-practising status to full Diplomate status is possible in certain conditions on 150% of basic requirements. Details are given in Article 2.6. of the Bylaws of the ECBHM.

Credentials Committee of the ECBHM