

ANNEX VIII

Criteria for the Re-certification as a practicing Diplomate of the ECBHM

In compliance with B.3. of the Policies and Procedures of the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS), the European College of Bovine Health Management establishes the following system for periodic re-certification of practicing Diplomates.

Every five years, practicing Diplomates must provide evidence for their involvement both in the field of bovine health management and in the activities of the College during the preceding five years. They have to accumulate a **minimum total of 100 credit points** by participation in research, educational or service activities. The credits have to be collected in at least 2 of these 3 activities, in various categories, as detailed below. No credit points can be granted for education or training in non-scientific or non-evidence-based medicine.

Furthermore, the ECBHM Diplomate needs to certify to have performed the specialty in the last five years by use of two letters of reference attesting the professional ethics and activity of the Diplomate during the five years period, or a self-attestation form.

A submission checklist is provided in Annex X and is intended to help re-evaluating practicing ECBHM Diplomates with the submission of their Re-certification Credentials.

It is encouraged to submit this checklist together with the Re-certification Credentials on or before the 1st of November of the re-certification year.

The responsibility for accuracy and availability of all required re-certification criteria rests with the practicing Diplomate.

Categories

- Attendance and organization of congresses in the field of bovine health management
- Publications in the field of bovine health management
- Presentations at national or international buiatrics congresses
- Contributions to continuing professional development for practitioners
- Training of Residents and other students
- Serving on Committees
- Relevant contribution to position papers by request of the Board
- Participation in ad hoc working group on a topic relevant to ECBHM, as approved by, and at the discretion of the Board
- Contributions to the online training Residents platform (TRP) as Supervisor
- Evaluator of scientific communications at scientific meetings upon request by the ECBHM Board

Re-Certification Credentials

Attendance and organization of congresses in the field of bovine health management*			
<i>Maximum 60 points</i>	Points / half day	# of half days	Total
Attendance at International congress #	4		
Attendance at other congress	3		
Attendance at ECBHM or other EBVS college Workshop	3		
Membership of organizing committee for a congress of at least 2.5 days length [†]	5 per congress		
Congress chairperson	2 per session		
Evaluator of scientific communication (ECBHM)	2 per congress		
Overall total			

A list of the congresses with a description (e.g. World Buiatrics Congress), the date and location must be provided in the following detailed list.

* A national or international conference is defined for the purpose of this document as a publicly announced convention for a scientific audience with a minimum duration of one entire working day (8 h) with a scientific program developed by a scientific committee appointed by the congress organization.

International congress are those made up by an international organizing committee and not just a congress you have travelled to. In addition, the scientific program of an international conference shall be presented in either the English language or any other language permitted that English translation is provided.

[†]Diplomate's name must be listed on congress website/ documentation as a member of the organising committee

ECBHM AGM attendance
A minimum of 2 ECBHM AGMs must be attended in each 5-year re-certification period, unless the Diplomate is specifically dispensed of this obligation by the Credentials Committee.
Specify years & congresses or virtual attendance:

Presentations at national or international buiatrics congresses*			
<i>Maximum: 50 points</i>	Points / presentation	# of presentations	Total
Oral presentation at international congress	10		
Oral presentation at national congress	4		
Poster (first second or last author)	3		
Total overall			

* Presentations must be documented with the English title, the type of presentation (oral presentation, poster), and the date and location of the event. A list of the presentations must be provided in the following detailed list.

Publications in the field of bovine health management*			
<i>Maximum 50 points</i>	Points / publication	# of publications	Total
Full length paper in a peer-reviewed journal (IF ³ 0.7)	10		

Full length paper in other peer-reviewed journal (IF<0.7) and short communication (IF ³ 0.7)	6		
Review paper in a peer-reviewed journal and book chapter	8		
Short communication (IF<0.7) and published abstract in any peer-reviewed journal	3		
Overall total			

*Categories:

1. Full length paper (IF ³ 0.7): 10 points
2. Full length paper in other peer-reviewed journal (IF< 0.7) and short communication (IF ³ 0.7): 6 points
3. Review paper in a peer-reviewed journal and book chapter: 8 points
4. Short communication (IF<0.7) and published abstract in any peer-reviewed journal: 3 points

**Impact Factor (IF) of the Journal at the time of publication

A detailed list of the publications (including the impact factor of the journal) must be provided in the following table.

Contributions to continuing professional development for practitioners*			
<i>Maximum 60 points</i>	Points / hour	# of hours	Total
Lectures and / or courses	4		
Preparation and presentation of a webinar for the ECBHM (max. 2)	10		
Member of organising committee for an ECBHM Residents' Workshop ⁺	5		
Overall total			

* 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 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 in the following detailed list, indicating the English 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.

⁺You may also claim points per hour for lectures and practicals delivered during the ECBHM residents workshop

Training of residents and other students				
<i>Maximum 50 points</i>	Points / resident-year	# of resident-year	Points	Total
Resident/year of supervision (responsible)*	6			
Resident/year of supervision (additional)*	3			
Training of residents in private practice ⁺			4 per month	
Mentoring TRP session			5 per session	
Training of other undergraduate or postgraduate students in private practice, a private firm / institution with business related to bovine health management ⁺			1 per week	
Overall total				

- * According to the Application for Approval of a Standard Residency Programme, which must be documented by attaching a copy of this document.
- * Training of residents or other students in private practice or a private firm / institution with business related to bovine health management: the resident/ student can visit a private practice in which a Diplomate works. To be able to collect the points one to one supervision by the Diplomate is mandatory. The visiting resident/ student and the resident/ student's supervisor need to sign a statement confirming this which needs to accompany the re-certification documents.

Serving on committees			
<i>Maximum: 50 points</i>	Points / year	# of years	Total
Examination Committee	10		
Education & Residency Committee	10		
Credentials Committee	10		
Nomination Committee	3		
Appeal Committee (only in the event of an appeal)	10		
ECBHM Board*	10		
Chairmanship of a Committee	3		
Nationally recognized Buiatrics Committee (max. 15 points)**	3		
Overall total			

* 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 for National Buiatric Committees.

Relevant contribution to position papers by request of the Board or third party organisation			
<i>Maximum 10 points</i>	Points / contribution		Total
Per accepted contribution	2		
Overall total			

A written statement identifying the position paper in question together with the date of submission of the contribution should accompany the re-certification documents

Participation on submissions from Diplomates that contribute to expert opinion requests from third party organisation (written proof submitted by the ECBHM president to the participant Diplomate would need to be submitted together with the credentials

Participation in ad hoc working group on a topic relevant to ECBHM, as approved at the description by the Board			
<i>Maximum 10 points</i>	Year(s)	Points / contribution	Total
Participation in the JTA questionnaire		10 points	
ECBHM MCQ writing workshop at EBC Nante 2025		5 points	
Overall total			

Interruptions in Diplomate Activity

In cases where involvement of Diplomates in the field of bovine health management or the contribution to the ECBHM objectives is interrupted due to medically documented health problem (sick leave), parental leave or other circumstances, and the five years re-evaluation objectives are not met, the Credentials Committee should be notified at the time of interruption. Extensions of the 5-year period can be granted for maternity or paternity leave, serious health issues and exceptional circumstances or under the discretion of the Credentials Committee.

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

Diplomates who fail to submit their credentials in time and/or do not fulfil the criteria for re-certification become non-practicing diplomats according to Article 2.3. of the Bylaws of the ECBHM. A non-recertified Diplomate is not allowed to act as programme Director or Supervisor but is still required to pay the member fee.

Reverting from non-practicing 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.