



EBVS Reference letter

Evaluation of those becoming Diplomates of a College, as well as re-certification of all Diplomates, is an undoubtedly important part of maintaining the EBVS Colleges' high standards. For quality assurance purposes, reference letters are a necessary part of the evaluation/re-certification process in order to have third parties attest to a Diplomat's good standing within the profession, and his or her continued activity in the speciality.

The following Reference letter form is to be used by two Referees in support of:

- Founding Diplomates
- De facto Diplomates
- Re-certification of Diplomates
- Diplomates of non-EBVS recognised Colleges ("Diplomates by equivalent exam").
- Veterinarians internationally recognised in the field of a College, when applying to sit the College's examination without prior completion of a Residency programme.

This form below should be completed and returned by email to the EBVS Secretariat (for Founding diplomates; info@ebvs.eu) or to the College (for other categories; [email College Secretary](#)).

Name of applicant _____

Title of speciality _____

Position for which applying:

Founding

De Facto

Reevaluation

By equivalent exam

Internationally recognised

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

It is not allowed that the referee is a relative or partner (business or social) of the applicant. One referee should be an EBVS - recognised Diplomate from the same country and of the same speciality. If there are no professionally qualified persons in the applicant's country or speciality, 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.

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. A professional and not a personal reference is required.

I know the applicant

Personally

By reputation

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

The EBVS expects that all Specialists have:

been practising (through practice, teaching and research) their speciality for at least 60% of their time (24 hours per week), for the last 5 years;

demonstrated satisfactory moral and ethical standing in the profession;

practised scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with animal welfare legislation.

promoted continuous improvement in the quality and standard of specialist practice

communicated effectively with the public and with professional colleagues.

I confirm that I have read the applicant's application form.

I signify below my whole-hearted support for this application for.

Any other comment:

Signature:

Name (in capital letters):

Date:

