

**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 Diplomate’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).

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| Name of applicant |  |
| Title of speciality |  |

Position for which applying:

[ ]  Founding

[ ]  De Facto

[ ]  Re-evaluation

[ ]  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.*

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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.*

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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:

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Signature:

Name (in capital letters):

Date: