



# European Veterinary Dental College

## Guidelines for Publication Requirements for Credentials Application Package

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Residents must have published or have received acceptance for publication as first author, two scientific papers on veterinary dentistry, oral pathology or oral surgery in a peer-reviewed journal **during** the training programme. These documents can be submitted to the Credentials Committee (CC) for pre-approval during the training programme. Both manuscripts must be submitted, and letters of acknowledgement of the submissions or acceptance of the manuscripts should be included with the credentials application package. Failure to include this proof of submission will result in the credentials application being declined.

The manuscripts must be accepted for publication within two years of the submission. The resident cannot sit part 2 of the certifying examination until the submitted manuscripts have been accepted for publication. The manuscripts must be accepted within 2 years of credentialing. The candidate will only become a Diplomate of the EVDC after successfully passing all parts of the examination (parts 1a, 1b and 2) and fulfilling all publication requirements. If the publication requirements are not met within the allotted 2 years, the EVDC candidature will be suspended, any successfully passed examinations (parts 1a or 1b) will be voided and the candidature is revoked.

Of the two required publications at least one of these must fulfil the following criteria:

It should be a first-authored major publication that is an original contribution to the veterinary dental literature. It is a paper on a veterinary dental or related topic containing original data (e.g. a research project or a clinical case series) or an in-depth review article, or an article that is a case report that includes an in-depth review of the literature because of the unique features of the case, or equivalent, submitted to a peer-reviewed journal (see later: list of journals). The trainee/resident is to be the first or only author.

A letter, uploaded as an attachment to DMS following submission by the trainee/resident, is required from Director/Supervisor confirming that the trainee/resident conducted the research or case series follow-up, or was the primary dentist on an in-depth case report, or conducted the literature search and wrote the first draft of the article, and that the Residency Director/Supervisor has read the article.

Papers that are not first authored, textbook chapters, and short communications do not qualify as a contribution to the publication requirements, although have clear value in the development of the resident.

A second article can be in any of the following formats:

- a. A JAVMA Diagnostic Images in Veterinary Dental Practice article  
The resident must be the first or only author. A completed Supervisor form confirming that the resident wrote the first draft and final version of the item, and that the Supervisor has read and approved the item, must accompany the submission.
- b. Another paper submitted to a peer-reviewed journal on any topic relevant to veterinary dentistry. The resident must be the first or only author.

Again, a letter from the Director/Supervisor confirming that the resident was the author of the first draft and final version of the document, and that the Supervisor has read and approved the publication, must be uploaded to DMS following submission.

Please note: J Vet Dent-Step-by-Step are currently not peer-reviewed, and the Credentials Committee does not recommend accepting this as a second article.

The final decision about the suitability, or otherwise, of a paper is made by the Executive Committee on the advice of the CC.

If a paper is to be published in a journal not on the current approved list of journals and the resident wishes to submit this publication as part of their Credentials Application, it is strongly advised that they should obtain the approval of the CC prior to submitting the article.

It is the responsibility of that resident to provide evidence that the journal is peer-reviewed. If the published article is written in a language other than English, a translation of the article is also required.

If the publication requirements have not been met at the time of credentials submission, a letter or a copy of an e-mail from the journal to prove that the manuscript has been submitted for publication is acceptable and can be included in the credentials submission. For clarity, should the minimum requirement of evidence of submission or submission and acceptance of **two** manuscripts not be included with the credentials documents, the credentials will be found incomplete and the resident will not be eligible to undertake the EVDC certifying examinations.

Within **two years** of acceptance of credentials package, the two articles must be fully accepted for publication. Failure to provide evidence of acceptance of publication, without need for further alterations, will result in suspension of candidacy, voiding of any successfully passed components of the entrance examination and need for re-submission of credentials, including appropriate adjustment of MRCL logs to comply with the “six- year rule”.

The following information should be provided to the CC:

- The date of acceptance of the article.
- A copy of the accepted version of the manuscript (including the title page, all images, tables and figures).
- The list of authors in the order in which they appear in the article.

### **List of Approved Journals**

The following journals are approved by the EVDC CC. Hence, if a manuscript (as described above) has been accepted to any of the journals below, it will automatically be accepted provided the content and authorship requirements have been met as outlined in detail above.

American Journal of Veterinary Research  
Archives of Oral Biology  
Frontiers in Veterinary Science  
Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association  
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association  
Journal of Comparative Pathology  
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery  
Journal of Small Animal Practice  
Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation  
Journal of Veterinary Dentistry  
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine  
Research in Veterinary Science  
The Veterinary Journal  
Veterinary & Comparative Oncology  
Veterinary Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology  
Veterinary Pathology  
Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound  
Veterinary Research  
Veterinary Surgery  
Veterinary Record

