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Recertification information

Please note that with reference to the ECVS training guidelines – your documents will be evaluated according to the criterion of the newest guidelines published on the web site.

Please fill in the respective form and submit the recertification application electronically and as hard copy to the ECVS office no later than November 1st of the year before your recertification is due (the form is available on www.ecvs.org - general information or at the ECVS office in Zurich).

An application will NOT be evaluated unless

- 1. all supporting documentation is included**
- 2. it is typed**
- 3. the form is completed accurately**

Sanctions

- Failure to re-certify will render a Diplomate “**non-active**”.
- Non-active Diplomates are no longer registered with EBVS and cannot use the title “European Specialist in...” Also, “non-active Diplomates” will not be allowed to supervise trainees registered in ECVS-training programmes, nor will they be allowed to act as programme directors of such training curricula. Current Residents will be able to complete their programme
- A “non-active Diplomate” shall not be nominated as a member of the Examination and/or Credentials and/or Re-certification Committee.

Recertification can be obtained in two ways: (1.) the practical examination, as the sole criterion for re-certification, or (2.) the credit point system.

1. The Diplomate would sit and pass the practical part of the annual certifying examination

OR

2. The Diplomate would make the statement that he/she is active in veterinary surgery. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements are fulfilled by accumulating a **minimum of 100 credit points** (cp) over a period of 5 years according to the system outlined below. Please note, that at least two of the categories must supply points.