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ECVS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE:

# Full Professor Rule

## Definition

A 'Full Professor of Surgery' in ECVS terms is an individual that is the head of a surgery unit / section / department in an EAEVE- or AVMA-approved Faculty of Veterinary Medicine unless relieved of this obligation by the Board or Regents. (Depending on individual countries this might be a full professor, an associate or an assistant professor).

## Recognition of a Full Professor for an ECVS Training Programme

Recognition of a full professor is dependent on the following items and is at the Board of Regents discretion, upon the advice of the Credentials Committee:

- a complete CV
- a separate description of education and experience in specialised surgical activities
- a statement on how much time is spent with **surgical clinical** activities and performing specialised surgical procedures (>60% / year).
- a recent case log showing a year of relevant specialised surgical activity with primary case experience in all areas according to guidelines in the Training Brochure.

The application must be submitted to the attention of the Credentials Committee ([credentials@ecvs.org](mailto:credentials@ecvs.org)) by the submission deadline for the Credentials Committee meeting.

The application to be recognised as full professor by the ECVS must be approved **in advance** of the year in which they wish to supervise surgeries or run an approved residency programme.

The full professor status is granted to train the Resident for whom it has originally been applied for and approved. The status expires with the termination of the Resident's training (be it due to completion of the training and achievement of credentials, the training being stopped or suspended or the Resident leaving the training institution). The full professor status cannot automatically be carried forward to train another Resident.

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## Rules for Full Professors

Full professors must follow all rules and regulations of Diplomates that supervise Residents and accept the following additional rules:

1. If an individual has full professor status with ECVS, they may supervise surgeries of ECVS Residents accounting towards the 40% direct supervision.
2. Full professors are allowed to be Programme Directors, Resident Supervisors and surgical supervisors dependent on:
  - a. Full professor acting as Programme Director:
    - recognition as full professor by ECVS
    - no ECVS Diplomate present
    - in case of temporary replacement (they are not allowed to take on new Residents when their current residents are finished )
  - b. Full professor as Resident Supervisor:
    - recognition as full professor by ECVS
    - no ECVS Diplomate present or more than 2 Residents enrolled
    - in case of temporary replacement (not allowed to take on new Residents)
  - c. Full professor as surgical supervisor:
    - recognition as full professor by ECVS
3. If the programme / institution hires new Diplomates, Resident Supervisor status and Programme Director status have to be transferred immediately to the new Diplomate.
4. Full professors cannot, without exception, act as Supervisors in alternate track programmes.