ECLAM CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE GUIDELINE

ON APPLICATIONS TO ENROL IN AN ECLAM RESIDENCY PROGRAMME FROM APPLICANTS WHO GAINED THEIR VETERINARY QUALIFICATIONS FROM ESTABLISHMENTS NOT APPROVED BY THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS FOR VETERINARY EDUCATION (EAEVE)

Background

According to EBVS Policies and Procedures, to be recognized by EBVS, Colleges must “Only accept Residents that received their veterinary qualification from an EAEVE-approved establishment unless relieved from this obligation by the Education Committee”. This is referred to the “EAEVE requirement” below.

EAEVE was founded in 1988. Its mission is “to evaluate, promote and further develop the quality and standard of veterinary medical establishments and their teaching within, but not limited to, the Member States of the European Union”. The approval status and the most recent date of approval of EAEVE members are published on the EAEVE website.

ECLAM has been recognized by EBVS since 2000. In accordance with the ECLAM Constitution, the following credentials criteria have to be met for exam applicants to become eligible to sit the ECLAM certifying examinations:

A. have a satisfactory moral and ethical standing in relation to the practise of veterinary medicine; and

B. be licensed or eligible to be licensed to practise veterinary medicine in a European country, unless specifically exempted from this obligation by the Council; and

C. have been the author of two original articles (of which one must be as first author) which demonstrate the application of scientific methods on topics that are relevant to Laboratory Animal Medicine and Science. The articles must have been published or accepted for publication in an international peer-reviewed journal; and

D. be active in Laboratory Animal Medicine for at least twenty hours a week; and

E. have completed at least four years of training and experience in Laboratory Animal Medicine that is acceptable to the Council subsequent to graduation from an EAEVE approved establishment unless relieved of this obligation by the ECLAM credentials Committee. Acceptable means including an approved standard residency programme of at least two and a half years that is directed by a Diplomate of the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine and that is completed under the

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1 www.eaeve.org
2 http://ebvs.eu/publications/public/constitution-policies-and-procedures
direct supervision by a Diplomate of the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine or Specialist as defined in the EBVS “Policy on the use of non-EBVS recognised Diplomates as residency programme supervisors” (EBVS Policies and Procedures version 2015, section IIG.); or

F. have completed a period of at least six years of training and experience in Laboratory Animal Medicine that is acceptable to the Council subsequent to graduation from an EAEVE-approved establishment (unless relieved of this obligation by the ECLAM Credentials Committee). Acceptable means including an approved alternate residency programme of at least two and a half years that is completed under direct supervision by a Diplomate of the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine or under direct co-supervision by a non-EBVS recognised Diplomate or Specialist as defined in the EBVS “Policy on the use of non-EBVS recognised Diplomates as residency programme supervisors” (EBVS Policies and Procedures version 2015, section II G.).

Veterinary degrees obtained in EU Member States have to be recognized by Member States in accordance with Directive 2005/36/EC amended by Directive 2013/55/EU (on the recognition of professional qualifications) and Directive 2013/55/EU, Article 38, a-f (defining “Day One” Competences).

Veterinary degrees obtained outside the EU may be considered by EU Member States for eligibility to practise veterinary medicine in a given EU Member State on the basis of equivalence to “Day One” competences conferred by EU veterinary qualifications. Licences granted under such circumstances may or may not have restrictions.

Scope

Veterinary qualifications obtained in EU Member States from an establishment that was not approved by EAEVE at the time of qualification, and veterinary qualifications from non-EU Member States, including other European countries (e.g., Switzerland) and non-European countries are within the scope of this guideline.

Guideline for granting exemptions to the “EAEVE requirement”

Exemptions to the EAEVE requirement will be applicable in the situations indicated below:

1. The residency applicant is licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in a different EU Member State than the one in which he/she obtained his/her veterinary qualification, or

2. The veterinary qualification has been reviewed by the competent authority of an EU Member State other than the one in which the applicant obtained his/her veterinary qualification, and as a result was confirmed as providing at least similar “Day One” competences as defined in Directive 2013/55/EU, Article 38, or
3. The residency applicant has taken and passed statutory examinations set by an EU Member State that would allow him/her to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the EU.

In other situations, ECLAM may take a decision based on other formal evidence of equivalence of the level of veterinary competence acquired. To this end, ECLAM may require additional/other documents/information from the applicant and also include information obtained from third parties in the file to complete the information for evaluation.

**Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the ECLAM Credentials Committee to review applications for exemptions to the EAEVE requirement and to decide whether to grant exemptions or not in accordance with this guidance.

It is the responsibility of the ECLAM Credentials Committee to inform ECLAM Council of the outcome of the review of applications for exemptions.

It is the responsibility of the ECLAM Credentials Committee to accept only ECLAM alternate-route residents that fulfil the EAEVE requirement, unless they grant an exemption.

It is the responsibility of the Director of an ECLAM approved formal residency programme to enrol only veterinarians who fulfil the EAEVE requirement unless an exemption has been granted by the the ECLAM Credentials committee.

**Monitoring**

Compliance with the EAEVE requirement will be monitored by the Training Committee as part of the annual review of each training programme.

**Disclaimer**

The above Recommendation is subject to change and should not be interpreted in a restrictive way.

ECLAM’s Credentials Committee will endeavour at all times to align the recommendation to further guidance provided by relevant European bodies such as ECCVT, FVE and EBVS.

**Appeals**

Candidates who disagree with the decision of the Credentials Committee can appeal to the Chairperson, who will refer the matter to ECLAM Council.