



## EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

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### **RESIDENCY TRAINING ISSUES**

#### **Update of changes**

**Dear ECVPH members,**

**dear Supervisors, Advisors, Residents and Candidates,**

Recently, significant changes in the Bylaw on Residency Training (previously called Information Brochure) were approved by the Council to accommodate requirements of the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS). The Council also made use of this opportunity to improve some internal guidelines. In this newsletter we are summarizing the most important changes. To get a total overview of the new regulations, you are kindly invited to enter the [ECVPH website](#) and to carefully read the updated bylaw (in addition attached to this e-Newsletter) to get informed on the updates.

	<b>Bylaw on Residency training (previously called "info brochure") approved on 26/09/16</b>
This is the bylaw on Residency training (previously called "info brochure") describing all aspect of residence training as approved on 26/09/16	
<b>new!</b>	
<b>Date added:</b>	09/28/2016
<b>Date modified:</b>	10/24/2016

In particular, I want to highlight some changes involving the rules and terminology of the residency programmes and the residents' training period and provide some comments on the procedures to be

followed. Specifically, EBVS has commented that the "Individual Residency Programmes" as most of the previous programmes were called should be renamed into "Standard Residency Programmes" taking place in approved "Residency Training Institutes" (see definitions below). This means that in the future, more Residency Training Institutes need to be approved.

As a Council we have decided to implement these changes (mostly related to terminology) in a pragmatic manner allowing all currently approved training programmes to continue and assuring that all new programmes are starting in the right format and under the correct terminology.

- **An internship or other practical experience relevant to Veterinary Public Health of at least one year is obligatory** before entry to a Residency Programme.
- There are two types of Residency Programmes: the **Standard Residency Programmes** and the **Alternative Residency Programmes**.
- **A Standard Residency Programme** consists of a period of at least 3 years but not more than 6 years supervised training. The Education Committee may award a prolongation of a residency in exceptional circumstances (e.g maternity leave, illness). A candidate must pass all parts of the examination within eight years of completion of the residency programme. The number of re-applications to sit the examination is limited to three (four attempts in total). The Standard Residency Programme shall be conducted in a recognized Residency Training Institute under the direct supervising of at least one Diplomate who participates actively in the training programme. Although the Standard Residency Programme is conducted within approved Institution, the full Residency Programme will be tailored made for each candidate.
- **The Residency Training Institutes** must be approved by the Education Committee of the ECVPH. Parts of the training may be given at other institutions/locations which offer certain facilities or services not provided by the parent institution. Co-operation with other institutions is accepted and encouraged. Each institution will be allowed a specific maximum number of Standard Residency Programmes which will be evaluated and accepted by the Education Committee. Applications for approval of a Residency Training Institute are made in accordance to the Institution Application guidelines at least three months in advance of the first residency commencing (see Annex I of Bylaw of Residency Training). The Application guidelines requests information on the parent institution, the partner/collaborating institutes and an outline of a Standard Residency Programme that a resident would undergo in this institution. All Institutions approved for Standard Residency Programmes must be re-certified every five years. The Programme Directors are responsible for timely submission of the Re-evaluation Form.
- **An Alternative Residency Programme** consists of at least 4 years training but no longer than 6 years with the same rules of exception. Alternative Residency Programmes need to be approved in advance by the Education Committee on a case by case basis but can be conducted outside an approved Residency Institute.
- **Full Residency Programmes (Standard or Alternative) can be submitted** twice per year to the Documenting Secretary of the College ([ecvphdocsec@gmail.com](mailto:ecvphdocsec@gmail.com)) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December or the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.
- The Resident must submit his/her "**progress report**" on an annual basis to the Documenting Secretary by the the 1<sup>st</sup> of December or the 1<sup>st</sup> of June (depending on the starting date). The report has to be prepared by the resident and approved by the supervisor.
- **Residents who have not sent in their annual progress report for the previous year** cannot receive any financial support from the ECVPH to attend the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting or any Resident workshop.
- **In absence of sending the annual progress report for more than two consecutive years**, the Resident will be set on inactive and will only be able to continue the Residency Programme after reactivation which will include a re-evaluation of the Residency Programme by the Education Committee.
- **At the end of the training period** the resident should submit the final year progress report to the Documenting Secretary in order to be evaluated by the Education Committee (as every

year) and an application to the Credentials Committee to determine eligibility for certification as a Diplomate by examination (refer to the ECVPH website regarding the Bylaw on the procedures of Credentials Committee of ECVPH).

Thank you for your kind attention.

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On behalf of the ECVPH Council



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## **Bylaw<sup>+</sup> on Residency Training**

(previously called information brochure)

