



**SPECIALIST REGISTRATION
INFORMATION BOOKLET
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This booklet is provided by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC) to assist candidates in their application for registration as a veterinary specialist.

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1 CONCEPT OF A VETERINARY SPECIALIST

A veterinary specialist is a registered veterinarian with an exceptionally high level of skills well above those of a general practitioner in the same discipline. A specialist must have undergone extensive advanced supervised training, culminating in the passing of a rigorous set of examinations. The specialty must be a branch of veterinary practice having sufficient depth and breadth to allow one to practise solely in that field.

2 PURPOSE OF SPECIALIST REGISTRATION

A system for specialist registration has been established by the registering authorities in Australia and New Zealand under the provisions of their respective legislation, to ensure that the public has access to advanced veterinary expertise. Veterinarians must meet stringent requirements relating to qualifications, experience and training to be registered as specialists. Under legislation in Australia and New Zealand, only registered specialists may claim specialist status.

3 ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIALIST REGISTRATION

Applicants must:

- a) hold a current registration certificate issued by their registering authority in Australia or New Zealand; and
- b) have been practising as a veterinarian for a minimum of five (5) years; and
- c) have completed a suitable training programme as set down in Section 5; and
- d) have successfully completed an examination at the conclusion of the training programme as set down in Section 5.5.7; and
- e) be accepted by colleagues and peers as possessing knowledge and skills at the level of a specialist; and
- f) be currently working (including teaching) a minimum of twenty-five hours per week in the field of specialty.

4 REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED REGISTRATION AS A SPECIALIST

The general principle of minimum standards for re-registration as a specialist is being considered by the Advisory Committee on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists (ACRVS) at the request of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC).

MINIMUM STANDARDS DOCUMENT (MSD)

Minimum Standards as part of the requirements for registration as a veterinary specialist in Australia and New Zealand.

5.1 Minimum time from graduation

An applicant would normally have been practising as a veterinarian for at least five (5) years before being eligible to be registered as a specialist

5.2 Minimum time working in the specialty

An applicant must have worked for at least three (3) years full time equivalent, including training, in his/her specialist area before being eligible to be registered as a specialist.

5.3 Current Clinical Activity

An applicant must be currently working (including teaching) a minimum of twenty-five hours per week in the specialty.

5.4 Professional Activities

An applicant must be able to show evidence of current professional activities and contribution to profession including:

5.4.1 Publications

Publications are a form of evidence of contribution to the profession and must demonstrate the candidate's scholarship in the discipline and ability to communicate scientific information.

5.4.1.1 Refereed publications

Original scientific papers, reports, review articles or case studies published in scientific journals that utilise a system of scientific peer review prior to publication. A list of refereed journals is available on the Internet site:

http://www.isinet.com/jlist/cgi-bin/jlSelect.cgi?prod=__master__

5.4.1.2 Books and theses**5.4.1.3 Unrefereed publications**

Scientific papers, reports and case studies published in journals or magazines that do not utilise a system of scientific peer review prior to publication.

5.4.1.4 Unpublished reports

Papers and reports that have not been published in a publicly accessible publication.

5.4.2 Teaching in the discipline**5.4.3 Attendance, Speaking or Presentations at conferences/workshops/courses:**

5.4.4 Committee participation, memberships, etc

5.5 TRAINING PROGRAMS

5.5.1 Approval of the training program

Certifying Bodies are those organisations that approve training programs and administer examinations in veterinary specialties for the purpose of specialist recognition. Examples of Certifying Bodies include the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, American Board of Veterinary Specialties, the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation, and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The ACRVS expects that Certifying Bodies would have standards for approval of training programs in their respective disciplines and provide a means to assess the professional competence of candidates who have completed an approved training program.

Applicants must submit information on their training program. If the training program does not appear in Annexe A of the Specialist Registration Information Booklet then that training program will need to be assessed by the ACRVS before the candidate's application for registration can be assessed. This can take some time.

The ACRVS would expect the requirements for training programs of the Certifying Bodies to include as follows:

5.5.2 Supervised Training

A period of supervised training is an essential part of preparation for the final examination. This may involve either:

- a) a formal programme such as a University residency course; **OR**
- b) an alternate training program considered to provide an equivalent level of training to a formal training programme

5.5.3 The period of supervised training

Training programmes would normally include ninety-six (96) weeks of full-time, directly supervised training or its equivalent in the clinical and technical aspects of the relevant discipline (excluding vacation time).

- a) *Formal Training Programme:*
Training occurs continuously in a full-time residency of two (2) years or more.
- b) *Alternative Training Programme:*
The alternative training programme would most likely consist of at least seventy-six (76) weeks of full time directly supervised training. Directly supervised training would be in blocks of at least six (6) weeks duration. The

remaining twenty (20) weeks may be indirectly supervised training where five (5) weeks indirect supervised training is equivalent to one (1) week directly supervised training. Therefore up to one hundred (100) weeks of indirectly supervised training may be taken. Indirectly supervised training is defined as follows-

- i) Training must be in the appropriate discipline and would normally occupy at least twenty-five (25) hours per week; and
 - ii) there would normally be weekly discussion of cases with the supervisor
- c) *Completion of training*
Regardless of the type and structure of the training programme, training would normally be accomplished within six (6) years. The proportion of the candidate's weekly time spent in the practice of the discipline would normally be not less than twenty-five (25) hours per week during training.

5.5.4 The Selection and Role of Supervisors

- a) Supervisors should be approved by the certifying body.
- b) Supervisors shall be recognised experts in the candidate's chosen discipline and must be actively working in the candidate's chosen discipline. Supervisors shall be either registered as specialists in the discipline or have qualifications deemed equivalent by the ACRVS.
- c) Supervisors shall be responsible for both instruction and continuing assessment of candidates and for providing feedback as required by the certifying body.

5.5.5 Prerequisites of an approved centre

- a) Approved centres for the purpose of training would normally be expected to have:
 - i) An adequate workload in the specialty
 - ii) Adequate facilities for the performance of the specialty
 - iii) Adequate access to other professional expertise
 - iv) The written permission of the principal of the centre providing the facility.
- b) A description of the centre should be detailed in the training programme submitted to the certifying body.
- c) The certifying body will provide approval of the centre.

5.5.6 Scholarship

- a) The training programme should include evidence of scholarship which may include:
 - i) Case Reports
 - ii) Presentations at national or international scientific meetings
 - iii) The completion of research project/s
 - iv) Published manuscripts

b) Written evidence of completion of the above should be provided to the certifying body for scrutiny by the certifying body and /or the examiners.

c) The number and content of the above will be prescribed by the certifying body

5.5.7 Examinations

Although the certifying body will set and grade examinations, it is expected that examinations will be rigorous and comprehensive covering theoretical and applied aspects of the discipline. It is expected that a range of examination techniques, such as written, oral, practical, case studies, and interpretative studies will be employed to assess professional competence. The Certifying Body may also take into account referees' reports, research manuscripts and further evidence of a candidate's contributions to the specialty such as publications, invited talks, teaching and professional interaction.

5.6 Higher Degrees

Under normal circumstances, PhDs and Masters degrees will not be considered as suitable qualifications to support a claim for specialist registration.

Under special circumstances it may be possible for a candidate to request that part or all of a higher degree program be assessed as contributing to their specialty training program requirements. Recognition of equivalence to a formal training program will only be given where the candidate provides documentation to allow assessment of the training at the same level as that of any other formal training program.

6 REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

Referee requirements as required by the Certifying Body.

7 APPEALS PROCESS

Any appeals must be made through the registering authority to which an application is submitted. Each authority has its own appeals mechanism and an appellant should contact the Registrar or Executive Officer of that authority in the first instance.

8 PRIVACY POLICY

The AVBC Inc. will collect information from applicants with their prior knowledge and consent. By signing this application you give AVBC Inc. permission to make enquiries to assist in the assessment of your application for registration as a specialist and to use any information supplied in this application for that purpose. You may apply to the AVBC Inc. for access to information collected by AVBC Inc. in relation to your application.

The AVBC Inc. will not disclose your personal information to a third party with the

exception of providing your information to the any subsequent registration authority with whom you may seek registration as a specialist. The AVBC Inc. will not disclose your information to other state institutions and authorities except if required by law or other regulation. We have implemented technology and security policies, rules and measures to protect the personal information that AVBC Inc. has under its control from unauthorized access, improper use, alteration, unlawful or accidental destruction and accidental loss. AVBC Inc. will remove personal information from our systems where it is no longer required.

9 **REGISTRATION FEES**

You may be required to pay more than one fee for registration as a veterinary specialist.

The specialist registration fee is set by your local registration authority.

The fee for assessment is set by the AVBC and is subject to GST.

The assessment fee which accompanies this application should be made out in the name of Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc.

Contact your local registering authority for the current fee structure.

ANNEXE A

*Certifying Bodies which set the standards acceptable for specialist registration stated in Section 5 are:
 The Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (ACVSc)
 The American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS)
 The European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS),
 The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)*

The holding of a particular qualification by an applicant does not in itself constitute eligibility for specialist registration.

Examples of qualifications whose formal full time training programmes generally meet the standards acceptable for specialist registration stated in Section 5 are listed below. This list is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. **This list to be used as a GUIDE only.**

A training program not on the list needs to be assessed/evaluated before an application can be considered, **as does a program NOT recently assessed.** Non-standard or alternative programs should be assumed *not* to be approved unless specified.

SPECIALIST CATEGORIES:

QUALIFICATION:

1. Animal Behaviour	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary behavioural medicine
2. Avian Medicine	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - avian medicine
3. Canine Medicine	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - canine medicine
4. Cattle Management and Diseases	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - cattle management and diseases
5. Deer Management and Diseases	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - deer management and diseases
6. Equine Medicine	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - equine medicine Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) - large animal internal medicine (equine)
7. Equine Surgery	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - equine surgery Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) - large animal (equine)
8. Feline Medicine	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - feline medicine

9. Laboratory Animal Medicine	Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM)
10. Large Animal Medicine	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) - large animal internal medicine (food animal)
11. Large Animal Surgery	Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) - large animal surgery (Standard and Alternate) *
12. Pig Management and Diseases	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - porcine management and diseases
13. Sheep Management and Diseases	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - ovine management and diseases
14. Small Animal Medicine	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - small animal medicine Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) - small animal internal medicine Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA) *** -small animal medicine
15. Small Animal Surgery	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - small animal surgery Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) - small animal surgery Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) - small animal surgery
16. Veterinary Anaesthesia	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists (ACVA) European College of Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia (ECVAA) -veterinary anaesthesia . ****
17. Veterinary Anaesthesia and Critical Care	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary anaesthesia and critical care
18. Veterinary Emergency Medicine & Critical Care	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care (ACVECC) (Residency and Fellowship)

	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) Veterinary emergency & critical care
19. Veterinary Anatomical Pathology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - anatomical pathology Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) - anatomic pathology
20. Veterinary Clinical Pathology	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) - clinical pathology
21. Veterinary Cardiology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary cardiology Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – CA (ACVIM-CA) - cardiology Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals (ECVIM-CA) -cardiology
22. Veterinary Dentistry	Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC)
23. Veterinary Dermatology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary dermatology Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD)
24. Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary diagnostic imaging Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR) Diplomate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) - veterinary radiology
25. Veterinary Epidemiology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary epidemiology
26. Veterinary Microbiology	Diplomate of the Royal college of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) -veterinary pathology – microbiology
27. Veterinary Neurology	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) - neurology Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Neurology (ECVN) ** -neurology

28. Veterinary Nutrition	Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN)
29. Veterinary Oncology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary oncology Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) - oncology
30. Veterinary Ophthalmology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary ophthalmology Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) Diplomate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) - veterinary ophthalmology
31. Veterinary Parasitology	Fellowship of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary parasitology
32. Veterinary Pharmacology	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary pharmacology
33. Veterinary Public Health and Food Hygiene	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - veterinary public health and food hygiene
34. Veterinary Reproduction (species)	Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (FACVSc) - animal reproduction Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT)
35. Veterinary Toxicology	Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology (ABVT)

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- **** Approved in August 2009

ANNEXE B

HISTORY OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY SPECIALISTS (ACRVS)

The ACRVS is a standing committee of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC). It was first established by the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (ACVSc) in 1985 to advise on the suitability of the training, experience and qualifications of applicants for registration as specialists. The ACRVS became a standing committee of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC) on its incorporation on 20 December 1999.

The purpose of the ACRVS is to establish uniformity between the registering authorities in terms of the standards applied to assessment of applications for specialist registration.

Veterinary registration authorities normally send applications to the ACRVS for assessment and ACRVS advises the authority if the application meets the criteria accepted by the AVBC.

The ACRVS reports annually to the AVBC and communicates with the AVBC as necessary on issues such as new fields of specialist registration and training, experience and qualifications for specialist registration. The ACRVS also contacts (and is contacted by) individual registering authorities occasionally on specific issues.

The ACRVS handles the assessment of applications by mail, facsimile, teleconference and face to face meetings.

As a standing committee of the AVBC the ACRVS has no inherent authority or power. Registering authorities are not obliged to use the ACRVS to assess applications, but all have agreed to do so.

Recognised categories for specialist registration are determined by the AVBC. Introduction of new categories may be a slow process and is done in consultation with the ACVSc.

Criteria for assessing applications were developed in consultation with the AVBC and with advice from the ACVSc. This latter advice is essential, as the ACVSc is the major provider of supervised training and assessment for veterinarians seeking specialist registration in Australia and New Zealand. The criteria applied to applications are essentially the same regardless of the area in which specialist registration is sought.

The ACRVS has no role to play in any appeal other than to provide advice to the registering authority involved if asked to do so. Appeal mechanisms are administered by the applicants' registering authority.

EXTRACT from the AUSTRALASIAN VETERINARY BOARDS COUNCIL Inc.
RULES of ASSOCIATION. As amended May 2006

29. *Advisory Committee on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists*

- (1) The Advisory Committee on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists (ACRVS) shall:
 - (a) advise the registration authorities in Australia and New Zealand on all matters relating to the registration of veterinary specialists;
 - (b) receive and review applications from veterinarians applying for specialist registration, forwarded through their registering authority, and ensure that they meet the criteria for specialist registration approved by the Council;
 - (c) periodically review the criteria for specialist registration to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Australian and New Zealand public and profession;
 - (d) advise the Council on the appropriate categories and branches for specialist registration, and
 - (e) present a report to each annual general meeting of Council and provide a copy of such report to each organisation recommending appointment of the members of such committee.
- (2) Membership of the (ACRVS) shall consist of seven members each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years as follows:
 - (a) The convenor appointed by the Council;
 - (b) one member appointed on the recommendation of the Committee of Veterinary Deans;
 - (c) one member appointed on the recommendation of the Australian Veterinary Association Ltd;
 - (d) one member appointed on the recommendation of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Inc;
 - (e) one member appointed on the recommendation of the Veterinary Council of New Zealand;
 - (f) one member appointed on the recommendation of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists; and
 - (g) with a view to balance on the committee: one member, a currently registered veterinary specialist, appointed by the Council.
- (3) In the event that a casual vacancy occurs, the replacement must be appointed upon nomination from the same organisation by which the ceasing member was nominated;
- (4) Recommendation shall be confidential to the registering authority submitting the application, and to any other registering authority which may subsequently submit an application for the same candidate. The ACRVS may seek expert advice on a confidential basis regarding the application for specialist registration and on any other matters relating to the registration of veterinary specialists.

Should you have any queries about your application, please contact your local registering authority.

Veterinary Council of New Zealand PO Box 10 563 Wellington New Zealand
Telephone: +64 4 473 9600 Facsimile: +64 4 473 8869 email: vet@vetcouncil.org.nz
Website: www.vetcouncil.org.nz

Veterinary Practitioners Board of NSW PO Box 6391 Alexandria NSW 2015
Telephone: +61 2 9699 4477 Facsimile: +61 2 9699 4488 email: registrar@vpb.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.vpb.nsw.gov.au

Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria Level 11, 470 Collins Street Melbourne Vic 3000
Telephone: +61 3 9620 7444 Facsimile: +61 3 9620 7044 email: enquiries@vetboard.vic.gov.au
Website: www.vetboard.vic.gov.au

Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland GPO Box 46 Brisbane Qld 4001
Telephone: +61 7 3239 3600 Facsimile: +61 7 3225 1488 email: vsbqld@dpi.qld.gov.au
Website: www.vsb.qld.gov.au

Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia 185 Fullarton Road, Dulwich SA 5065
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Website: www.vsbsa.org.au

Veterinary Surgeons Board of Western Australia PO Box 8235 Angelo Street South Perth WA 6151
Telephone: +61 8 9367 4674 Facsimile: +61 8 9367 1295 email: admin@vsbwa.org.au
Website: www.vsbwa.org.au

Veterinary Board of Tasmania PO Box 183 Huonville Tas 7109
Telephone: +61 3 6239 6823 Facsimile: +61 3 6239 6824 email: vsbtas@bigpond.com
Website: www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/agriculture

- Animal Industries & Welfare
- Veterinary Board

Veterinary Surgeons Board of the A.C.T. Scala House, 11 Torrens Street, Braddon A.C.T. 2612
Telephone: +61 2 6205 1596 Facsimile: +61 6205 1602 email: vetboard@act.gov.au
Website: <http://www.health.act.gov.au>

Veterinary Board of the Northern Territory
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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A VETERINARY SPECIALIST IN -
New South Wales Victoria Queensland
South Australia Western Australia
Tasmania Australian Capital Territory
Northern Territory New Zealand
Please circle one

Please read the following before completing the application:

Use this form as a pro-forma, photocopy, download it or remove it from the booklet to submit your application. (Please make sure you have most recent application form).

The application is to be **typed and submitted unbound** to the registering authority through which you are applying.

Applicants must be currently registered as a veterinarian/veterinary surgeon by the registering authority to which they are applying for specialist registration.

Applications will not be processed unless completed in full and accompanied by required documents and fees.

If you wish to apply for registration as a specialist in more than one category, you will need to complete a separate application for each category and pay an application fee for each category.

All parts of the form should be completed. Use separate sheets to answer any questions where there is insufficient room provided. Any appended information must be clearly cross-referenced to the application form.

Please provide the following:

*Completed application form

*Full curriculum vitae listing professional employment and activities, including publications, conference attendance and participation and evidence of continued participation in the profession

*Evidence of membership of professional bodies relevant to specialist qualification

*Certified copies of post graduate qualifications

*Evidence of current registration/practising status

*Applicable fees

Please answer with care as long delays occur if incomplete.

1 Full Name

2 Postal address

Telephone

Facsimile

Email

**3 Nominated specialty (Annexe A)
Sub-category (if applicable)**

4 Primary Veterinary Qualification

(i) Qualification:

(ii) Abbreviation:

(iii) Conferring authority:

(iv) Year obtained:

(v) Year of first Registration as a veterinarian/veterinary surgeon:

(vi) Number of years practising as a veterinarian/veterinary surgeon:

(Please attach evidence of current registration, e.g. copy of receipt, certificate)

(vii) For how many years have you been working in this specialist field (inclusive of training) for a minimum of 25 hours per week?

(viii) Are you registered as a veterinary specialist elsewhere? *If yes, state:*

State/Territory/Country

Year of Registration

Specialist Category

- (ix) Have you ever been declined registration as a specialist? *If yes, where?*

SPECIALTY TRAINING

- 5 Minimum standards for training programmes are defined in Section 5 of the accompanying AVBC booklet.

You must provide evidence that you have met the minimum standards.

(Please supply information under the following headings:)

(a) What is your qualification?

(b) Name of Certifying Body

(c) Date awarded

(d) Supervised training:

(i) name and nature of training programme: *(eg standard or alternative, if applicable)*

(ii) location of training programme:

(iii) length (weeks) of training programme – *(please indicate which of the following)*

- 96 (2 yrs)

- 156 (3 yrs)

- other

(iv) Supervisors – Please supply name, specialty qualifications and contact details

(v) Other higher degrees *(if applicable)*

(vi) Research Projects undertaken during training programme

- 6 Examinations:

Describe examination type and length:	Writtenhrs
	Oralhrs
	Practicalhrs
	Other

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 7 (a) How would you describe your current activities in your specialty? *(please circle)*

Referral practice

Teaching

Research

Government

Consultancy

Other *(please describe)*

(b) Please provide detailed answers to the following questions (i) to (iv) below
Please attach your *Curriculum vitae* and any supporting documents

(i) Evidence of referral or specialist practice (number of referral cases in previous 3 months, number of referring practices or veterinarians)

What proportion of your working time is spent in your speciality?
(Minimum requirement is 25 hrs per week)

(a) (b)hours per week.

(ii) Evidence of speaking engagements at conferences, workshops and/or courses

(Please state if these engagements were as a result of invitations)

(iii) Inter-professional contacts with other specialists or experts in the field (e.g. membership of professional organisations, journal clubs, local professional groups, contacts with peers).

(iv) Publications – List under the following categories:

- * **Refereed publications – Original scientific papers, reports, review articles or case studies published in scientific journals that utilise a system of scientific peer review prior to publication.**
- * **Books, book chapters and theses**
- * **Scientific abstracts published in proceedings from meetings**
- * **Unrefereed publications - Scientific papers, reports and case studies published in journals or magazines that do not utilise a system of scientific peer review prior to publication.**
- * **Unpublished reports - Papers and reports that have not been in a publicly accessible publication.**

(c) Continuing professional education:

- **Record of attendance at conferences/workshops/courses**
- **Evidence of access to library/ journal subscriptions**
(Please provide details)
- **Evidence of continued participation in the proposed area of specialisation including membership of professional organisations etc**
- **Evidence of maintenance of publication record**

8 I enclose a certified copy of relevant certified post graduate qualification certificate(s) _____(tick)

NOTE: Copies of originals must be certified by a person authorised to do so under the legislation of the jurisdiction in which you are making this application.

e.g For ACVSc candidates include a copy of 'Final Fellowship Credentials Report' (2 page report only).

For ECVS candidates include a copy of 'Evaluation Form and Supervisors Report'

For other candidates documents equivalent to above.

9 I enclose the application fee of \$ _____ made payable to AVBC Inc.

10 Privacy Act 1993 New Zealand
Freedom of Information Acts Australia

I acknowledge that the above information will be used by the registering authority, to which I am making application, and other statutory agencies to facilitate the purposes of the relevant legislation.

11 And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths & Declarations Act 1957 (New Zealand)/Evidence Acts (Australia) (delete that not applicable).

12 I have read and understood the information supplied in the current Specialist Registration Information Handbook.

	Signature	Date
Applicant
Witness
Declared at	

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All correspondence should be addressed to the registering authority in your location