

ECVSMR - Initial Applicant Pathway

1. Introduction

The Initial Applicant Pathway to ECVSMR certification is open for those persons who have sufficient credentials to sit the examination without having undergone formal residency training.

2. Guidelines for applicants

The following describes the criteria that must be fulfilled by the applicant.

2.1 Qualifications

- Only applicants who are eligible to practice veterinary medicine in Europe will be accepted.
- Applicants must supply documentation of advanced training in topics related to sports medicine and/or rehabilitation (e.g. completion of a post-graduate degree in topics related to sports medicine or rehabilitation, rehabilitation certification by national bodies, track record of attending topic specific continuing education courses).

2.2 Practising in Europe

Applicants must supply documentation to show that they are eligible to practice in Europe.

2.3 Experience and practice

- Applicants must have at least five years' experience practising the speciality as:
 - a) A faculty member in a veterinary school involved in clinical, teaching, and/or research aspects of sports medicine and/or rehabilitation (60% of time),
or
 - b) A practitioner spending at least 60% of her/his time in the field of sports medicine and/or rehabilitation,
or
 - c) a combination of a) and b)
- Applicants must provide self-certification that she/he has, in the past five years, seen 400 cases (canine) or 300 cases (equine) related to the field, as described in the P&Ps of the ECVSMR in the sections "small animal track" or "equine track".

2.4 Teaching

Applicants must supply documentation that shows that they:

- have been an invited speaker at multiple international or national scientific/veterinary conferences on topics related to sports medicine and/or rehabilitation
- have significant experience teaching courses related to sports medicine and/or rehabilitation in veterinary schools, graduate schools, or professional continuing education programmes.

2.5 Research and publications

Applicants must demonstrate scholarship in the discipline by having been first or last author of at least two significant hypothesis-driven publications in peer-reviewed journals (available from the ISI Web of Knowledge Journal Citation Report) resulting from research or practice in the speciality.

- The author must be able to show that the publication covers at least one of the subject-specific areas of knowledge outlined in the ECVSMR P&Ps.
- At least one of these publications must be an original paper, defined as a manuscript that describes a hypothesis-driven experimental study utilizing *in vivo*, *ex vivo* or *in vitro* techniques to address an objective relevant to the speciality, or a prospective or retrospective clinical study addressing a question relevant to the speciality and including at least 20 cases.
- The second publication can be one of the above or a first author case report or small case series.

The paper must be published

- in a peer-reviewed journal of international standing relevant to the speciality. The applicant is responsible for submitting a copy of the citation index page, available from the editor of the journal, or the ISI Web of Knowledge Journal Citation Report at the time of submission.
- in an English-language journal. In individual cases where a paper has been published in a peer-reviewed journal in a language other than English, the initial applicant may apply to the Credentials Committee to have this recognised. The application must be accompanied by an English translation of the paper.

Applicants must submit electronic copies of their published manuscripts with their application. 'In press' manuscripts can be submitted, provided that the applicant submits a written confirmation from the editor of an approved journal confirming that the paper has been accepted for publication.

2.6 Letters of support

Applicants must supply two letters of recommendation from Diplomates (European and/or American) who are personally aware of the applicant's activities and professional contributions in the area of

sports medicine and/or rehabilitation. **The letters must be sent by the recommending diplomates directly to the ECVSMR.**

3. Submission

An electronic copy of this credentials submission form and all supporting documents (in pdf format) plus a non-refundable fee of €350 must be received by the college Secretary at time of submission. The exam fee is 650.- €. All application materials will become the property of the European College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

4. Deadlines

- Applications for the initial applicant pathway will be considered for up to five years after the approval of the College by the EBVS, and it is therefore expected to end 19th September 2022.
- After being accepted to sit the examination, the candidate has a total of four (4) attempts to pass all three parts of the examination within (eight) 8 years.
- Deadline for submission of the credentials to sit the exam 2022: 1. August 2021
- Deadline for application for the exam 2022 and the payment: 21. November 2021

Payment to

College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation e.V.

IBAN: DE69 2505 0180 0910 4343 60

BIC: SPKHDE2HXXX

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Raschplatz 4

30161 Hannover

Submission check list

Please attach the following

- Application form
- Verification of your identity e.g., a copy of the main page from your passport
- University degree certificate (veterinary degree)
- Certificates of the postgraduate education in the speciality
- Copies of your publications

PART A – ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Date [Click to add date.](#)

Applicant's Contact Information

Name: [Click to type](#)

Practice or University: [Click to type](#)

Postal Address: [Click to type](#)

City, Zip or post code: [Click to type](#)

Country: [Click to type](#)

Phone: [Click to type](#)

E-mail: [Click to type](#)

Species Sub-speciality Selection

Please indicate the species sub-speciality for which you are applying:

Small animal: Equine

Veterinary Education and Licensure

Graduate of (University, Veterinary school, Town, Country): [Click to type](#)

Degree: [Click to type](#)

Year: [Click to type](#)

Are you registered/licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Europe? choose

Veterinary medical registration or licence number and country: [Click to type](#)

Has your licence to practice veterinary medicine ever been suspended? choose

If yes, give details: [Click to type](#)

PART B – DETAILS OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Qualifications

Please supply documentation describing the advanced training (at European Qualifications Framework [EQF] level 8, e.g. professional doctorate or PhD) in the speciality.

[Click to type.](#)

Diplomate of other colleges

Are you a Diplomate of another College in Europe or the USA? If so, which:

Click to type.

PART C - EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE

1. Do you have at least five years of experience in sports medicine and rehabilitation?

Please list the institution(s) where you have worked, job title(s), address(es) and dates and describe the relevance for the speciality.

Click to type.

2. Do you spend at least 60 per cent of your time in sports medicine and rehabilitation?

Provide a concise description of your personal caseload relating to sports medicine and rehabilitation and its complexity where appropriate. If you work part-time in your speciality, please specify the amount of time that you are actively involved in the practice of your speciality (in days per year or hours per week).

Click to type: for example: My case load includes approximately 300 small animal patients per year. Approximately 80% are dogs, 20% cats and other small animal species. Approximately 50% of the patients are referrals from our surgical department or practitioners in and around Vienna. 70% of these patients are referred for rehabilitation of orthopaedic problems, 20% due to neurological problems, 10% for other reasons (obesity, training, etc.). I am further actively involved in teaching at the university (lectures for Physical Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine).

PART D – RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

List at least two peer reviewed publications, including the impact factor of the journal at the time of submission (available from the ISI Web of Knowledge Journal Citation Report), and relevance of the publication to the field. You must be able to show that the publication covers at least one of the subject-specific areas of knowledge outlined in the ECVSMR P&Ps (give the chapter number); indicate your role in the study. Please highlight your name in the list of authors; corresponding authorships should be marked with an asterisk.

Example

Title	Compensatory load redistribution in Labrador retrievers when carrying different weights - a non-randomized prospective trial.
Journal and date	BMC Vet Res. 2016 Jun 7;12:92. doi: 10.1186/s12917-016-0715-7
Impact factor	1.75
Authors	Bockstahler B* , Tichy A, Aigner P

Role	Study design and objective, GRF measurements
Relevance	2.3.2.8: Issues influencing athletic performance, health and animal welfare in specific athletic disciplines: identify the known injury risk factors and sport-related stress factors in relation to the physiology, pathology and biomechanics of the musculoskeletal system.

Publications

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PART E - STATEMENT

I declare that:

1. I practise scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with my country's animal welfare legislation.
2. I confirm that the information provided in this application is true.
3. I have submitted the application fee of 350.- Euro to the EVCSMR; the fee is non-refundable. The payment confirmation is attached to the documentation.

Signed.....

Date.....

(Please provide an electronic pdf signature or a pasted, scanned in signature. Alternatively, hand sign the document, scan in this page and provide it as a separate document)