

Requirements for Admission of Non-AiCVD Diplomates

As agreed upon by all members of the Asian College of Veterinary Dermatology (AiCVD; the College), AiCVD places importance on a candidate's credentials and contributions to the College, regardless of their Veterinary Dermatology Colleges from which they received their diplomate status. Therefore, the AiCVD Constitution permits the admission of individuals who have not passed the College's Diploma Examination.

“To qualify for membership, candidates shall meet the following criteria: have successfully passed the examination/certifying of the Asian College of Veterinary Dermatology, unless exempted from this obligation by the Credentials Committee.”

Since 2019, individuals with Diplomate status equivalent to that of the Asian College may be admitted to the College if they meet the criteria outlined below and their application is approved by the Credentials Committee members.

Eligible Colleges

Currently, applications will only be considered from:

- Diplomates of the **American College of Veterinary Dermatology (ACVD)**
- Diplomates of the **European College of Veterinary Dermatology (ECVD)**
- Fellows in **Veterinary Dermatology of the Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS)**

Other qualifications may be considered and approved in the future at the discretion of the College.

Eligibility Requirements

Members by this route are generally limited to applicants with a professional or academic connection to Asia. The following criteria will be used in evaluating applicants:

- **Nationality or Residency:** Candidates must either hold citizenship of an Asian country or currently reside and be professionally engaged (employed or self-employed) in an Asian country.
- **Licensure:** Applicants are preferred to be licensed (including academic faculty) or eligible for licensure in an Asian country.
- **Contribution to the College:** Applicants who regularly attend the AiCVD meetings or otherwise contribute to the College and to Veterinary Dermatology education in Asia will be favorably considered.

Application Procedure

Informal inquiries should be directed to the Chair of the Credentials Committee or the AiCVD President. A formal application must be submitted via email to the Chair of the Credentials Committee and must include:

- a) Proof of Diplomate status from an approved College
- b) Proof of residency and/or employment in a permanent position in an Asian country (if applicable)
- c) Veterinary license certificate from an Asian county (if applicable)
- d) A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae (C.V.)
- e) A letter of intent
- f) Non-refundable application fee of 500 USD (includes 200 USD first-year annual Membership fee; contact the accountant for bank details)

Review and Notification Process

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed by the Credentials Committee. A decision is made by consensus among all Credentials Committee members. The Chair of Credentials Committee notifies the AiCVD President with a recommendation. Upon approval, the President informs the applicants via email. The AiCVD webmaster will then update the College's website to include the new College member.

Membership officially begins at the next AiCVD Member Meeting, at which the new Diplomate will be invited to participate. Membership dues commence on January 1st of the following College year.

Membership Rights and Responsibilities

Members admitted by this route will have **full rights and responsibilities** equal to those of other AiCVD Diplomates, as defined in the College's Constitution and By-laws.