

# **Policy for Residency-Exempt AiCVD Diplomate Application**

## **1. Background**

Due to the low number of AiCVD diplomates in many Asian countries, with the exception of Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong, AiCVD is unable to provide sufficient on-the-job training opportunities for aspiring veterinarians who wish to specialize in this discipline. In order to address this need and promote the residency programme fairly in all Asian countries, the AiCVD Education and Credentials Committee proposes the recruitment of residency-exempt AiCVD diplomate candidates for board exams.

## **2. Purpose**

To establish the required credentials for the recruitment of residency-exempt AiCVD diplomate candidates.

## **3. Application requirements for residency-exempt AiCVD diplomates:**

- i. Licensed/eligible to be licensed and practising in an Asian country.
- ii. Reside in an Asian country where two or fewer AiCVD diplomates work at.
- iii. Currently working at the facilities that fulfil the criteria of the AiCVD resident training institution. (Appendix 1)
- iv. Not diplomates of other dermatology organisations that the WAVD does not officially recognise or of non-dermatology organisations.
- v. The candidate should submit three letters of recommendation of which at least two should be from WAVD recognized specialist dermatology college and at least one from AiCVD.
- vi. Have at least six years' experience in the specialty, by teaching, research, or practice and have contributed significantly to the development of the specialty or have advanced training (PhD or equivalent) in the specialty of dermatology.
- vii. The first author or corresponding author of at least two publications in international peer - reviewed journals [Science Citation Index (SCI), SCOPUS and SCI Expanded (SCIE) indexed journals] resulting from the research or practice in the specialty.
- viii. Be uncontroversial to the majority of the membership.
- ix. Spend at least 60 percent of their time in the specialty (teaching, research or clinical work in dermatology), based on a normal working week of 40 hours.

- x. Display the willingness to contribute to the growth of the College (including but not limited to training residents, training general practitioners), and attending AiCVD-associated activities.

Candidates who fulfil the above criteria will be accepted to sit AiCVD board exams, and allowed to sit for the exams for a total of four attempts in case of failure to pass.

#### **4. Number of residency-exempt AiCVD diplomates**

The number of residency-exempt diplomates will be evaluated based on the discretion of the AiCVD Credentials and Education Committee.

#### **Appendix 1: Criteria for the AiCVD resident training institution (from the AiCVD by-laws)**

Residency Programme may be conducted at a veterinary school/college or other institution (including an approved private veterinary dermatology clinic). The parent institution must supply adequate space facilities and have sufficient clinical cases, which must be guaranteed for the duration of the programme. Some cooperation in the training process with other institutions or clinics (including medical dermatology departments) is allowed.

The parent institution must provide all equipment required for the examination, diagnosis and management of patients. A complete medical record must be maintained for each case, and these records must be retrievable. Training in clinical pathology and dermatopathology must be provided. There must be reasonable facilities for diagnostic imaging. Extensive library facilities, providing current veterinary and medical texts, bound journals and abstracts (in printed or electronic form), must be available.

#### **Application Period:**

**February 2026 – January 2031**

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