

## **GLOSSARY**

<b>Academic Quality Assurance</b>	This encompasses all the policies, systems and processes directed to ensuring maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the educational provision.
<b>Approval</b>	This term is used to denote the confirmation by The Royal Veterinary College that a proposed course and/or module/strand is judged to meet the College's requirements.
<b>American Veterinary Medical Association</b>	Statutory body that governs the veterinary profession in America and conducts the process of school visitation and recognition, generally on a seven-year cycle.
<b>Course</b>	This term is used to denote an approved set of teaching and learning activities by which a student may obtain a specified award of The Royal Veterinary College. Also referred to as "programme of study" or simply "programme".
<b>European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education</b>	Statutory body that governs the veterinary profession in Europe and conducts the process of school visitation and recognition, generally on a seven-year cycle.
<b>HEFCE</b>	The Higher Education Funding Council for England: The Agency that distributes government funding for teaching and research to universities and other higher education colleges in England.
<b>Intercalated degree</b>	BSc degree awarded to a student who spends a year, normally between the second and third years of the BVetMed programme, taking advanced course in basic biological sciences, either in the RVC, in another college of the University of London, or in another university.
<b>International Academy</b>	The agency of the University of London that promotes distance learning programmes.
<b>Module</b>	This term is used to denote a coherent set of classes on a defined subject.
<b>Office for Students</b>	The Office for Students is the regulatory body for the English Higher Education sector.
<b>Quality Assurance Agency</b>	The independent body entrusted with monitoring, and advising on, standards and quality in UK higher education.
<b>Quality Enhancement</b>	This term denotes the process of continuously improving the quality of the educational provision.
<b>Review</b>	This is the process by which the quality of an existing course and/or module is critically appraised by a group in order to confirm that a course/module remains academically valid and continues to meet the College's requirements.

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**Standards**

This term denotes the expected levels of academic attainment that are used to describe and measure academic requirements and achievements of individual students or groups of students.

**Strand**

A coherent set of classes on a defined subject integrated vertically through the full five years of the BVetMed.