Assessment Regulations

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| 1. | Course: BVetMed Finals Part 1 | |
| 2. | **Year**: 4/5 | |
| **3.** | **Applicable to Academic Year: 2012/13** For students commencing this stage of the course in January 2012 | |
| **4.** | **Aspects of course covered by Examination:**  All Core & Track rotations | |
| **5.** | **Form of Examination:**  Part 1 of the Final BVetMed Examination comprises Core and Track Rotations.  Each rotation will have a weighted summative grade. The grade will be weighted according to the number of weeks in the rotation. (The ‘rotation-week’).  There are 22 weeks of Core rotations. Core rotations consist of 12 one-week grades and 5 two-week grades.  There are 6 weeks of Tracking rotations. All track rotations are two-week grades except for Small Animal 2 and 3, each of which comprises 2 one-week grades. | |
| **6.** | **Requirement to be completed to permit entry to the examination:**  To have satisfactory attendance according to RVC Policy. To have sufficient attendance at each rotation to enable grading. | |
| **7.**  7.1  7.2 | **Marking Criteria:**  Students performance in the module will be graded according to agreed College Criteria    Students’ performance in each rotation is graded under the following headings:   * Professional Activity * Practical Skills * and Clinical Reasoning and Knowledge   Each of these areas is equally weighted in arriving at the grade for the rotation.  The rotation grades are described in Annexe A | |
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| **8.** | **Allocation of Marks and any additional requirements**  Overall Grade for Each Rotation::  The allocation of one or more Grades of ‘Clear Fail’ (F) within a rotation will result in the rotation being failed  The allocation of two or more Grades of ‘Borderline’ (B) within a rotation will result in the rotation being failed.  In all other cases the overall grade will be that closest to the average of the three grades awarded. |
| **9.** | **Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage**  In order to pass the Final BVetMed Part 1 Examination, a student will be required to:  have passed each of the rotations individually,  and  be able to complete the course within 5 years from the start of year 3. |
| 10.  10.1  10.2  10.3  10.4 | Consequences of Failure  If a student fails a rotation s/he is permitted to repeat it once.  A student is permitted to repeat up to 4 weeks of rotations without deferring the sitting of Finals provided that time permits. Sitting of Finals will not be delayed for such students who are successful at the second attempt.  If a student is required to repeat 5 or more weeks of rotations, the sitting of Finals will be deferred to October (or equivalent later sitting) when he or she will sit finals as a first time candidate.    A student who fails any rotation twice will normally be required to leave the course. S/he has a right of appeal as described in College Regulations |

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| **11.**  11.1  11.2 | **Classification**  A candidate who gains 16 or more rotation-weeks at grade ‘Pass with Distinction’ (D) at the first attempt will be awarded Finals Part 1 with Distinction.  A candidate who gains 12 or more rotation-weeks at grade ‘Pass with Distinction’ (D) at the first attempt will be awarded Finals Part 1 with Merit. |
| **12.** | **Disclosure of Marks**  Results will be published by candidate number. |
| **13.** | Absences  Where a student has an *allowable* absence, s/he will be marked absent from the rotation or in course module assessment. Where a student has been absent s/he will be required to repeat and retake the module or rotation at the next scheduled opportunity. It will be counted as a deferred assessment and will not count as one failure for the purposes of 10.2.1 above.  An allowable absence is once that results from a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by APRICOT and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.  A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 for the assessment and it will count as a failure for the purposes of 10.2 above. |
| **14.** | **Late submission of work**  Reports or Project work submitted after the due deadline will be given a mark of 0 (zero). The only exception being if the student has been given an extension by the relevant tutor for an *allowable* reason. |