

## Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	<b>Course</b> Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Studies
2.	<b>Year</b> N/A
3.	<b>Applicable to Academic Year</b> Students commencing in 2019-20
4.	<p><b>Aspects of Course Covered by Examination</b></p> <p>Core &amp; Track Rotations and Extramural Studies (EMS) as described for the BVetMed programme</p>
5.	<p><b>Form of Examination</b></p> <p>5.1. <b>Core and Track Rotations</b> 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').</p> <p>There are 22 weeks of Core rotations. Core rotations consist of 12 one-week grades and 5 two-week grades.</p> <p>There are minimum of 6 weeks of Tracking rotations. All track rotations are two-week grades except for Small Animal 3 and Small Animal 6 which comprise of 2 one-week grades.</p> <p>5.2. <b>Extra Mural Studies Placement (EMS)</b> A minimum of 20 weeks of EMS placement or Track Rotations (additional to those described in 5.1.) in order to complete a schedule of at least 48 weeks.</p>
6.	<p><b>Marking Criteria</b></p> <p>6.1. Students' performance in each rotation is graded under the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Activity</li> <li>• Practical Skills</li> <li>• Clinical Reasoning and Knowledge</li> </ul> <p>Each of these areas will be graded as a 'Pass' or a 'Fail'. The rotation grades are described in Annex A</p> <p>6.2. <b>Extra Mural Studies Placements (EMS)</b> Submission of appropriate documentation by the format, timings and deadlines specified for the student's EMS placements.</p>
7.	<p><b>Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements</b></p> <p>To pass a rotation a student must achieve a 'Pass' in each of the categories listed in section 6 above.</p> <p>The allocation of a 'Fail' grade to any category within a rotation will mean the rotation will be failed overall.</p>

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<b>8.</b>	<b>Requirements to Pass Overall</b>  In order to be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate a student will be required to have:  Passed each of the individual Core & Track Rotations (as stated in section 5.1.) AND Successfully completed the required number of EMS placements / Track Rotations (as stated in section 5.2.) in order to complete a minimum of 48 weeks. AND Completed the course within 18 months
<b>9.</b>	<b>Consequences of Failure</b>  9.1. If a student fails a rotation s/he is permitted to repeat it once.  9.2. 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.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Classification and Award</b>  The Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Studies will be graded as Pass or Fail only.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Marks</b>  Results will be published by candidate number.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Absence From Assessment</b>  Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> 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 section 9.2. above.  An allowable absence is one that results from a significant unforeseeable event such as illness. Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by the Student Performance and Development system and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.  A student absent for any other reason will be awarded fail for the rotation and it will count as a failure for the purposes of section 9.2 above.

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### Annex A

	Professional activity	Practical Skills	Clinical reasoning and knowledge
<p><b>Pass</b> The <i>minimum standard</i> to obtain a clear <b>pass</b> in each category is as follows.</p>	<p>Demonstrates consistently professional behaviour. Communication with clients, other students and members of staff including support staff is usually of a good standard. Clear team-working ability and respect for others and the College's values. Record keeping is usually adequate and requires few corrections.</p>	<p>Competence demonstrated in most observed practical skills. Recognition of areas of personal weakness and demonstration of attempts to improve.</p>	<p>A basic capacity to approach clinical problem solving in a logical fashion. Adequate knowledge of relevant background information that is usually appropriately applied in the investigation and solution of individual animal or population problems. The ability to identify and source knowledge to address exposed areas of weakness.</p>
<p><b>Fail</b> A student will fail a rotation if they show any of the following</p>	<p>Demonstrates behaviour that is clearly unprofessional e.g. failure to attend without a reasonable cause, recording false information in the patient record, or misleading/undermining staff members or other group members</p>	<p>Inability to perform basic practical tasks, despite multiple opportunities to rectify performance</p>	<p>Repeated demonstration of inadequate clinical reasoning in the solution of individual patient or population problems. Deficiencies in basic knowledge that the student makes no effective attempts to rectify.</p>