# Assessment & Award Regulations

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RCVS Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Practice (CertAVP) - AFAVP module only |
| **2.** | **Applicable to Academic Year**  
2019/20 onwards - applicable to all candidates submitting work for the first time on a module |
| **3.** | **Credit Value and Award Regulations:**  
The credit value of each module is described in Annexe A |
| **4.** | **Mark Allocation**  
The mark allocation within each module is described in Annexe A. |
| **5.** | **Marking Criteria**  
**Essays and Reflective Essays**  
The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking depending on the type of assessment.  
- Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing)  
**Multiple Choice Questions**  
The number of marks available for each question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the candidate will score zero. |
| **6.** | **Requirements to Pass Each Module**  
To have achieved a weighted, aggregated average of at least 50% (or gained exemptions) for four submitted essays and achieve a pass result for the online quiz. |
| **7.** | **Consequences of Failure**  
A student who fails to achieve a module average of 50% at the first attempt shall have a right to resit. S/he will also be required to re-sit any piece of work with a mark of 49% or less in order to pass the module or to resit a failed quiz.  
A student who fails to pass a module, at the first attempt, due to not achieving a minimum of 50% in each individual assessment will be required to resit those pieces of work.  
A student who fails a module at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in RVC Regulations. |
| **8.** | **Classification and Awards:**  
From the combined mark taken from all of the components defined in 6 above, a candidate who achieves:  
70% or more from the aggregate of all modules: Distinction  
65% - 69% from the aggregate of all modules: Merit  
50% - 64% from the aggregate of all modules: Pass |
| **9.** | **Disclosure of Marks**  
Results, where published, will be by candidate number. |

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| **3.** | Credit Value and Award Regulations: | The credit value of each module is described in Annexe A |
| **4.** | Mark Allocation | The mark allocation within each module is described in Annexe A. |
| **5.** | Marking Criteria | **Written Examinations (except MCQs) and In-Course Assessments and Assignments**  
The appropriate College Common Grading Scheme will be used for marking depending on the type of assessment. The Common Grading Schemes available are:  
- Common Grading Scheme (LAQ)  
- Common Grading Scheme (Reflective Writing)  
- Common Grading Scheme (CPRQ – Postgraduates)  
**Multiple Choice Questions**  
The number of marks available for each question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the candidate will score zero. |
| **6.** | Requirements to Pass Each Module |  
- To have achieved a weighted, aggregated average of at least 50% (or gained exemptions) from all of the pieces of work combined  
AND  
- to have achieved a pass (50%) in each of the practical pieces of work (as appropriate) or work designated as clinically critical (**highlighted**)  
AND  
- to have achieved a result of 40% or over for work designated as non-clinically critical  
AND  
- to have submitted all the compulsory formative assignments |
| **7.** | Consequences of Failure |  
A student who fails to achieve a module average of 50% at the first attempt shall have a right to resit.  
S/he will also be required to re-sit any piece of work with a mark of 49% or less in order to pass the module.  
A student who fails to submit all compulsory formative assignments will fail the module.  
A student who fails to pass a module, at the first attempt, due to not achieving the minimum requirement (40% for non-clinically critical work and 50% for clinically critical work) in each individual assessment will be required to resit those pieces of work.  
A student who fails a module at the second attempt will be required to relinquish the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in RVC Regulations. |
### Classification and Awards:

From the combined mark taken from all of the components defined in 6 above, a candidate who achieves:

- 70% or more from the aggregate of all modules: **Distinction**
- 65% - 69% from the aggregate of all modules: **Merit**
- 50% - 64% from the aggregate of all modules: **Pass**

### Disclosure of Marks

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| C-VP.1      | Basic Tissue Pathology, Necropsy and Biopsy      | 10           | 4 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary  
1 x Reflective Essay | 1,750 words each  
20 cases  
1,500 words each | 60%  
25%  
15% |
| C-VP.2      | Clinical Pathology - Laboratory Diagnostics      | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
20 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
One hour practical exam | 33%  
33%  
34% |
| C-SAM.7     | Small Animal Neurological Medicine               | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
20 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
90 minute exam | 40%  
30%  
30% |
| C-SAM.8     | Small Animal Medicine A                          | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
90 minute exam | 40%  
30%  
30% |
| C-SAM.9     | Small Animal Medicine B                          | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
90 minute exam | 40%  
30%  
30% |
| C-SAM.10    | Small Animal Medicine C                          | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
90 minute exam | 40%  
30%  
30% |
| C-SAS.1     | Small Animal Surgery (Core)                      | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Reflective Essay | 2,000 words each  
100 cases with 1,500 word synopsis  
800 words | 70%  
15%  
15% |
| C-SAS.2     | Soft Tissue Surgery A                            | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 2,000 words each  
20 cases with 1,500 word synopsis  
One hour exam | 60%  
10%  
30% |
| C-SAS.3     | Soft Tissue Surgery B                            | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 2,000 words each  
20 cases with 1,500 word synopsis  
One hour exam | 60%  
10%  
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1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 2,000 words each  
20 cases with 1,500 word synopsis  
One hour exam | 60%  
10%  
30% |
| C-SAS.7     | Orthopaedic Surgery B                             | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 2,000 words each  
20 cases with 1,500 word synopsis  
One hour exam | 60%  
10%  
30% |
| C-ECC.1     | Critical Care                                      | 10           | 3 x Case Reports  
1 x Reflective Essays  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
1,000 words  
Two hour exam | 33%  
33%  
34% |
| C-ECC.2     | Emergency Care A                                  | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
Two hour exam | 33%  
33%  
34% |
| C-ECC.3     | Emergency Care B                                  | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Exam | 1,750 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
Two hour exam | 33%  
33%  
34% |
| C-VPH.1     | Animal Welfare in the Food Chain                  | 10           | 5 x Case Reports  
1 x Reflective Essay | 2,000 words each  
1,500 words | 85%  
15% |
| C-VPH.2     | Hygienic Production of Food                       | 10           | 5 x Case Reports  
1 x Reflective Essay | 2,000 words each  
1,500 words | 85%  
15% |
| C-VC.1      | Cardiovascular Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology  | 10           | 6 x Case Reports  
1 x Reflective Essay  
1 x Exam | 1,200 words each  
1,000 words  
90 minute exam | 40%  
20%  
40% |
| C-VC.2      | Cardiovascular Diagnostics                        | 10           | 2 x Case Reports  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis  
1 x Article Critique  
1 x Exam | 2,000 words each  
50 cases with 1,000 word synopsis  
800 word critique  
90 minute exam | 30%  
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<td>2 x Case Reports 1 x Developmental journey 1 x Coaching model</td>
<td>1,500 words each 2,000 word developmental journey 1,000 word coaching model</td>
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1 x Project  
1 x Reflective Essay | 3,000 words  
3,000 words  
1,000 words | 50%  
50%  
Pass/Fail |
| C-VML.1     | Principles of Veterinary Management and Strategic Leadership                  | 10           | Project reports portfolio and video  
1 x Reflective Essay | Not defined  
1,000 words | 100%  
Pass/Fail |
| C-VWT.1     | Veterinary Workplace Teaching                                                | 10           | 1 x Case diary  
4 x Reflective essays  
1 x Synoptic essay | -  
1,200 words each  
2,000 words | Pass/Fail  
80%  
20% |
| C-VDI.1     | Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging in Practice                                    | 10           | 10 x [Case Reports]  
1 x Case Diary with Synopsis | 500 words each  
500 cases with 1,000 word synopsis | 50%  
50% |
| C-VDI.2     | Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging (Orthopaedic)                                | 10           | 1 x [Case Report]  
1 x Practical/Written Exam | 2,500 words  
Exam of up to three hours | 33%  
67% |
| C-VDI.3     | Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging (Soft Tissue)                                | 10           | 1 x [Case Report]  
1 x Practical/Written Exam | 2,500 words  
Exam of up to three hours | 33%  
67% |
| C-VDI.4     | Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging A                                            | 10           | 1 x [Case Report]  
1 x Practical/Written Exam | 2,500 words  
Exam of up to three hours | 33%  
67% |
| C-VDI.5     | Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging B                                            | 10           | 1 x [Case Report]  
1 x Practical/Written Exam | 2,500 words  
Exam of up to three hours | 33%  
67% |