

## Graduation 2019 FAQ:

1. When will I receive my degree certificate?
  - a. You should receive your certificate by recorded delivery to your permanent home address 3 to 6 months after your pass list is published. **You will not receive your certificate at the graduation ceremony.** All degree certificates are dispatched by the Diploma Production and Dispatch Office of the University of London. Please make sure your permanent home address is up-to-date in Rover before Graduation.
2. How do I prove I have received an award before my certificate arrives?
  - a. You can request an official copy of your academic transcript and/or confirmation of award letter by emailing [transcripts@rvc.ac.uk](mailto:transcripts@rvc.ac.uk).
3. When will I receive my RCVS certificate?
  - a. BVetMed and FdSc Veterinary Nurses who have applied to join the RCVS register and paid their fees before the deadline will receive their RCVS certificates during the graduation ceremony.
4. When is the earliest I can legally practice as a veterinary surgeon?
  - a. After graduation. **Once the pass list is published you will cease to be a veterinary student and will not legally be able to practice as a veterinary surgeon until you are admitted to the RCVS.** The admission ceremony will take place at graduation.
  - b. In exceptional circumstances the RCVS can grant temporary registration to allow you to practice between passing and graduation. See the [RCVS website](#) for more information.
  - c. If you are planning to work outside the UK please contact the relevant local authority for this information; the date of your award will be the date of the finals exam board.
5. When is the earliest I can practice as a veterinary nurse?
  - a. After graduation. **Once the pass list is published you will cease to be a student veterinary nurse, until you join the register you will be unable to carry out Schedule 3 reserved tasks.** The admission ceremony to become a Registered Veterinary Nurse for students graduating with the FdSc in Veterinary Nursing will take place at graduation.
6. I am an international student and my student visa has expired or will expire before graduation. Can I attend?
  - a. If you are a visa national you will need to apply for a Standard Visitor visa to attend graduation. You should use the email you received inviting you to graduation to provide evidence of the date of the ceremony. Information on applying for a Standard Visitor visa can be found on the [Home Office Website](#).
7. I am an international student and I would like to invite family from overseas to Graduation. Can they attend?
  - a. If your family members are visa nationals they will require a Standard Visitor visa to attend graduation. Information on applying for a Standard Visitor visa can be found on the [Home Office Website](#).
  - b. You should provide your family members with:
    - i. A letter of good standing proving you are/were a student of the College, available from Rover.

- ii. The email you received from the College inviting you to graduation.
  - iii. An invitation letter from you to them.
- 8. I cannot attend Graduation this year, can I defer?
  - a. In exceptional circumstances we may be able to allow you to defer your attendance to the following year, please contact [graduation@rvc.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@rvc.ac.uk) for advice. Students completing their studies in the same academic year as the graduation ceremony will be given priority to places in the ceremony.
  - b. **Please note:** If you are graduating from the BVetMed and are registering with the RCVS but do not attend Graduation you will not be eligible to practice in the UK until you have attended a Registration ceremony at the RCVS. Please see the [RCVS website](#) for further details on how to complete your registration.
- 9. I am a member of staff receiving an award (the Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Education for example), can I be in the staff procession?
  - a. To collect your award during the ceremony you will need to book a graduand place in the morning ceremony and you will be seated with your fellow graduands in the graduand seating. Staff who choose to join the staff procession in the morning ceremony will not have their award announced during the ceremony and will be deemed to have graduated in absentia.
  - b. You are welcome to book a place in the staff procession for the afternoon ceremony.