

If you are a graduate of a foreign veterinary school or college, check one of the boxes below to indicate how you meet the educational requirements. Also, attach to this form evidence of your compliance, i.e. a notarized copy of the certificate and translation and copies of transcripts.

a) I graduated from a foreign AVMA accredited college of veterinary medicine, or

b) I have successfully completed the examination administered by the AVMA Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, or

c) I am qualified to practice veterinary medicine in a state, province, territory or possession of the United States or Canada or other country (enclose documentation).

6. Check one of the three boxes below to indicate the route by which you satisfy the academic training and experience requirements

Route 1 for Qualification. You must have earned the Ph.D. degree with major emphasis in veterinary microbiology, completing a thesis in an area directly related to veterinary microbiology. The latter is defined as a knowledge and mastery of veterinary microbiology, which includes the disciplines of bacteriology, mycology, virology and immunology as they apply to veterinary medical science. The science of microorganisms includes knowledge of molecular biology, structure, function, propagation and biological and ecological relationships of microbes and prions with animals, plants, humans, other microbes and the environment. Immunology includes knowledge of the components and functions of host defense mechanisms in both antigen-specific and non-specific responses, and applications of immunological processes in laboratory assays. Veterinary microbiological science includes knowledge of the etiology, pathogenesis, transmission, immunity/resistance, diagnosis, therapeutics, prevention and control of diseases of animals and zoonotic diseases as applied in the practice of teaching, research, clinical veterinary medicine, comparative medicine, or public health.

Please attach transcripts.

Ph.D. _____
Degree University

Dates of Attendance: Mon, Yr. _____ to Mon, Yr. _____

Ph.D. dissertation title: _____

candidate who qualifies by routes 1 and 2. Please attach a description of the learning experiences that are equivalent to that required for a Ph.D.

7. List the names and addresses of two ACVM Diplomates, in good standing, who will sponsor you. Ask each of them to send the Secretary-Treasurer of the ACVM, by April 30, a letter supporting your eligibility to take the Board examination. (If you do not have a Ph.D. degree with courses, it is particularly important that the sponsors document the professional experiences and achievements that you consider equivalent to a Ph.D. degree.)

a) _____

b) _____

8. Appeal Procedures:

You have the right to appeal a decision by the ACVM for denial of eligibility for Board examination, or denial of certification. The Secretary-Treasurer will advise you of an adverse decision within thirty (30) days. You must adhere to the following appeal procedures:

(i) Grounds for reconsideration:

You may petition for reconsideration or review of the decision of the ACVM on the grounds that the ACVM ruled erroneously by:

- (a) disregarding the established ACVM criteria for certification; or
- (b) failing to follow its stated procedures; or
- (c) failing to consider relevant evidence and documentation presented.

(ii) Petition for reconsideration:

- (a) You may, at your option, petition the Board of Governors of the ACVM to reconsider its decision by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the ACVM a written petition for reconsideration which must include a statement of the grounds for reconsideration and documentation, if any, in support of the petition.
- (b) Such petition must be received in the Secretary-Treasurer's office within 30 days of the date on which the ACVM announced its adverse decision.
- (c) You may, at the discretion of the Board of Governors of the ACVM, be invited to participate in the next regular meeting of the appeals committee of the college. The cost of your travel, food and lodging must be borne by you.
- (d) The ACVM Appeals Committee will meet in executive session to reach its final decision, which will then be forwarded to the ACVM Board of Governors for final action.

(e) The Board of Governors of the College will meet in executive session to reach a final decision. This decision will be sent in writing by mail to the affected person not more than thirty (30) days after this final decision is made.

(f) Upon completion of steps (a) through (e) above, if the affected party is not satisfied with the final decision, he or she may request mediation by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS).

(g) The Chair of ABVS will call a meeting of the parties in dispute or their representatives. The meeting will be held at AVMA headquarters and will be chaired by the ABVS representative. The parties in dispute will be guided to seek equitable solutions. The ACVM and you will each pay the expenses of the meeting including travel, food, and lodging expenses of the representative of ABVS.

(h) The role of ABVS is advisory only; final authority rests with the Board of Governors, ACVM.

9. Disabilities:

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ have a disability and need accommodations. The need for accommodations must be specified in writing, attached to the application, and accompanied by verification from a licensed or qualified professional with expertise and familiarity with this disability and its impact on the candidate's ability to perform on a test such as the ACVM certifying examination. Unless the ACVM is advised before the examination of any need for accommodations due to disabilities, the availability of services on site cannot be guaranteed. The signed statement should verify the existence of the disability, specify how the disability would interfere with the examination process, and indicate what accommodations during the examination are warranted.

10. Certification:

The information that I have supplied is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I have read and understand the appeals procedure.

Your legal signature

Date