# Re-certification criteria

In accordance with EBVS policy, each Diplomate has to be evaluated by their parent College *every five years*, starting *five* years after they first became a Diplomate to show that they meet the required standards of professional activity. For the field of animal welfare, ethics and law (AWSEL) tbis will be carried out by the AW Credentials Committee.

In order to obtain re-certification Diplomates will need to complete the **re-certification form**, certifying that they fulfil the requirement of practising the specialty for more than 60 per cent of their time, *based on a normal working week (accepted by the EBVS as 40hr)*, and in addition that they fulfil the requirements of the standard procedure according to a credit point system (described below). In addition, Diplomates should ask 2 close colleagues or authorities to send to the College a **letter of reference** certifying that the Diplomate has been active in practising his/her speciality for the last 5 years at the specialist level.

**Credit point system**

Credit points can be granted for education or training in non-scientific or non-evidence-based medicine but significant advances in ethics and law are creditable. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements may be fulfilled by accumulating a ***minimum of 100 credit points (cp) over a period of 5 years*** from at least two of the categories set out below, and having

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| **Activity** | **Details** | **Documentation** | **Max cp** |
| 1.Supervision of trainees either residents or alternative routes according to the EBVS Training Guidelines | -Co-supervisor: 5cp per year per trainee -Main supervisor: 10cp per year per resident/alternative  | List names and year training started for each of your trainees | 60 |
| 2.Scientific publications in relevant peer-reviewed international journals/national veterinary journals on the fields of AWSEL within the past 5 years | -first/last-authored peer-reviewed publication 20 cp per publication-other authorship: 10cp per publication-textbook chapters: 10cp per chapter-edited books: 20 cp per book-written books: 40 cp per book | Either doi/www link or copy of the 1st page of publication. | 60 |
| 3.Societal activity related to the fields of animal welfare, ethics and law | 5cp eachCan include but not limited to: -Writing in farming magazines, newspapers -Interviews to media about the related fields-Public lectures -Advisory boards for publicly funded research projects -Committees set up by national governments or other official bodies-Project, surveys etc. field projects related to development of guidelines - Teaching of animal welfare science, ethics and law-Something else, please define | www link/scan copy of activity | 60 |
| 4.Own education: participated courses and congresses (without own presentation) | 5 cp for 8 hrs of education, e-learning. | link/copy of programme | 30 |
| 5.Presentation relating to the field of specialisation at national or international congresses (the lectures should be on an AWSEL topic and the meeting should be advertised nationally or internationally) | 15 cp per international presentation10 cp per national meeting, 5cp posters anywhere | link/copy of programme. | 60 |
| 6.Attendance at two ECAWBM Annual **Scientific** Meetings in the 5 year period is mandatory | 10 cp per meeting; | Presence at the meeting registered by the organizers | 50 |
| 7.Membership of the ECAWBM College Board or Committee e.g. Examination, Credentials or Residency Committee | 15 cp per year |  | 60 |
| 8.Preparation of valid ECAWBM Examination Questions | 5 cp per question |  | 30 |

Points of note:

**Non-Practising Diplomate is a diplomate** who: (i) has not practised the speciality for two continuous years or the equivalent of two years during the previous five years; or (ii) has not fulfilled the requirements for the re-certification procedure; or (iii) has not attended an Annual General Meeting for three years without previous dispensation from the College may be removed from the EBVS specialist register. A non-practising Diplomate is not allowed to use the title ‘European Specialist’ nor ‘Diplomate’ but such persons may use the title ‘Diplomate (non-practising)’. A non-practising Diplomate seeking to revert to full Diplomate status needs to satisfy the relevant sub-speciality Re-Certification Committee of the College and the College Board.