Criteria for Veterinarians internationally recognised in the field of a College, applying to sit the ECAWBM examination without prior completion of a Residency programme.

1. Be initiators in their field;

2. Have achieved distinction in the field, and have qualifications, achieved by training and experience, far exceeding those proposed as necessary for candidates to take the certifying examination of the organisation;

3. Be internationally recognised as a qualified specialist by peers, and
   a. have at least ten years’ experience practising the speciality, and by teaching, research, and practice have contributed significantly to the development of the speciality, and
   b. have advanced training (at European Qualifications Framework (EQF) level 8) in the speciality; have demonstrated competency through teaching, research and practice in the speciality to which the individual devotes most of his or her professional time, and
   c. be author of at least ten significant publications in peer-reviewed journals resulting from the research or practise in the speciality; or be substantially equivalent. Three publications as first author

4. Be uncontroversial to the majority of the membership;

5. Spend at least 60 per cent of their time practising the speciality, based on a normal working week of 40 hours, for the last at least 10 years;

6. Eligible to be licenced or licenced to practice in Europe;

7. Practise scientific, evidence-based veterinary medicine, which complies with animal welfare legislation;

8. Display the willingness to contribute to the growth of the College (e.g. by training residents).

9. Provide two letters of support using the reference letter template supplied by ECAWBM