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NEB Use of ECFVG-Listed School Directory and NEB-Specific School Listing Policy

Overview

To be eligible to apply for enrollment in the AVMA's ECFVG® certification program and the CVMA's National Examining Board (NEB) examination process as a candidate from a non-accredited university, an individual must be a graduate of, or final-year student at, an AVMA ECFVG-listed veterinary college ("non-accredited university").

The schools included in the AVMA ECFVG-listed school directory, and their curricula, are **not** reviewed, accredited, validated, endorsed, approved, accepted, granted, or certified in any manner by the AVMA or by the ECFVG program.

The NEB utilizes the same school directory as the ECFVG for purposes of maintaining the list of non-accredited veterinary schools in the NEB candidate database. However, as per ECFVG's current policy, if there is no individual applying to the ECFVG program from a given institution, the ECFVG will not initiate a review to add that school to the ECFVG-listed directory.

NEB-Specific School Listing Policy

To ensure that eligible applicants can register for the NEB examination process in circumstances where the ECFVG cannot or will not initiate a school review, the NEB may, under specific conditions, add a school to the NEB candidate database *for NEB registration purposes only*. Similar to the ECFVG, under this NEB policy, a school will not be added if there is no individual applying to the NEB program from that educational institution.

NOTE: This policy is not intended to replace the ECFVG process to add a school to the ECFVG directory, and ***the ECFVG's process remains the primary process under majority of circumstances to add a school.*** *Candidates may be directed to ECFVG's process as needed.*

NEB's addition of a school to its internal database does not result in the school being listed, recognized, or reviewed by the AVMA, ECFVG, or COE, nor does it create eligibility for the ECFVG certification program. Where possible, the NEB will continue to coordinate with the ECFVG to maintain alignment in the addition of non-accredited institutions to their respective directories/databases.

This process ensures that qualified applicants are not barred from entering the NEB examination sequence solely due to administrative or geopolitical processes affecting ECFVG's ability to complete a school listing.

Examples of when this NEB-specific process may be used include, but are not limited to:

- Governmental or immigration barriers:
  - The ECFVG is unable to add the university because U.S. government sanctions, federal restrictions, or other immigration-related limitations make it impossible for the ECFVG to conduct their process.
- Applicants intending to pursue the NEB pathway only:
  - The potential applicant confirms that they will be applying to the NEB exclusively and acknowledges that having the school added by the NEB grants eligibility for the NEB examination process only.
  - NOTE: This does not permit mobility, transfer of documentation, or recognition by the ECFVG/AVMA.
- French-speaking applicants pursuing the NEB pathway exclusively:
  - When a potential applicant, or applicant's school, is only able to communicate or provide documentation in French.

Once added, the school remains in the NEB database unless subsequent information warrants review or removal.

Process Timelines and Documentation

The length of time required to add a school to the NEB candidate database varies significantly. NEB staff can provide general estimated timelines upon request. Processing begins only once all required documentation has been received.

Delays caused by late or incomplete submissions from the applicant, university, or governmental body are outside the NEB's control. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is submitted to the NEB.

Additional documentation may be requested if information received is incomplete or insufficient. The NEB is not responsible for verifying the academic quality or curriculum of institutions listed through this process.

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Inquiries and Further Information

Required documentation typically includes verification of educational institutional status and degree-granting authority. A detailed list can be provided upon inquiry.

All requests for the NEB-specific school review are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Addition of a school to the database is not guaranteed, and applicants may be guided to ECFVG's process if appropriate.

For more information regarding the full documentation requirements or to determine whether your institution should be added by the ECFVG (primary process) or considered for the NEB-specific process, please contact NEB staff at neb-bne@cvma-acmv.org.