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Life Long Learning CPD Continuous Professional Development

Requirements for Vets

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CPD - Definition

Taken from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK register)

“the systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of knowledge and skill and the development of personal qualities necessary for the execution of professional and technical duties throughout the veterinarian’s working life”



CPD assignment in **Directive 2005/36 EC**

Veterinary Medicine is a liberal profession
“practiced on the basis of relevant
professional qualifications

.....**continuing education and training** shall
ensure that persons who have completed their
studies are able to keep abreast of professional
developments to the extent necessary to maintain
safe and effective practice”.



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FVE Strategy

As science and ethics advance and evolve, veterinarians must follow life long learning to maintain and enhance their knowledge and skills.



UEVP

Union of European Veterinary Practitioners Recommendations for individual vets

- 100 hours of scientific attendance over 5 years
- 100 hours of other attendance over 5 years
- Equates to 40 hours per year
- Keep attendance certificates



TYPES OF CPD

- Conferences and courses
- Distance learning / online
- Visiting other centres
- Learning sets
- Local meetings / clinical clubs
- Self study journals
- Working towards a qualification
- research



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Attendance certificates !!!!



Strenghts:

- Increases self esteem
- Improve standard of service
- new skills
- Further qualifications
- Specialist status
- Increase income

Weaknesses:

- time consuming
- costs



CPD in European Countries

UEVP Questionnaire
22 countries responded:

- CPD availability: 19 yes 3 no
- 10 CPD voluntary 9 mandatory
- Unit of CPD – 6 in hours 7 in points
- 14 with National Committee made up of practitioners+academics+chamber
- CPD providers evaluated: 12 ; not 9
- Linked with right to practice: 7 yes



Weakness of European CPD:

- harmonised recognition of professional qualification, Dir 2005/36 EC
- “harmonised” basic education, EAEVE/FVE evaluation
- no harmonisation of CPD:
no EU standards - no EU recognition
- Impossibility of assessment of CPD offers



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ECCVT

European Coordinating Committee for
Veterinary Training by FVE, EAEVE and EBVS

established

EBCPD

European Board for
Continuous Professional Development



EBCPD

The purpose of this initiative is:

- To ensure quality of CPD by setting standards
- To bring transparency in the market by evaluating existing CPD courses and offers
- To utilize the ECTS system for measurement of education credits, in order to assist in the harmonisation and mutual recognition among European national authorities and Universities



European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

ECTS makes teaching and learning in higher education more transparent across Europe and facilitates the recognition of all studies.

Each learning outcome is expressed in terms of credits, with a student workload ranging from 1 500 to 1 800 hours for an academic year, and one credit generally corresponds to 25-30 hours of work.



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