

# Working as a vet in the UK; a guide for overseas vets



# Welcome

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) would like to offer a very warm welcome to all overseas vets starting or considering a career in the UK. We are here to help make your working life that little bit easier and help ensure you quickly feel part of the UK veterinary profession.

## WHAT IS THE BRITISH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION?

The BVA is the national representative body for the veterinary profession with approximately 11,000 members. We work to support our members in their professional and personal lives by providing a number of services and benefits through our membership package. We also promote and support the interests of our members and help to represent the profession to the government and media.

## THE BVA'S OBJECTIVES

The BVA aims to:

- Provide services that are valued by members;
- Represent the profession and be the first source of informed opinion on veterinary issues for government, veterinary surgeons, the media and the public in the UK;
- Be a leading provider of veterinary information;
- Be fully engaged with its divisions.



## WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

We offer support and guidance to our members and a range of services designed to improve their professional and personal lives.

We also offer great networking opportunities through events such as our annual congress that will soon help you to feel a part of the UK veterinary community.

With extra support for new graduates, membership of the BVA can help ease your transition to working life in the UK.

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in their professional and personal lives . . .*

## ADVICE, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

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- Advice and information is available from the BVA on any veterinary-related issues including: preparing your CV; writing application letters; looking for a job; interview preparation; and communication skills with your client and colleagues;
- Unlimited access to a 24-hour legal advice line on any professional or personal issue, including your contract of employment;
- Three regular publications: *The Veterinary Record*, *In Practice* and *Off the Record* are produced by the BVA and are sent directly to you as soon as you join. They will help you to keep in touch with key veterinary issues, including: the latest techniques, issues that affect UK practice life, political, research and other UK and overseas veterinary news;
- Full access to our two websites [www.bva.co.uk](http://www.bva.co.uk) and [www.bvapublications.com](http://www.bvapublications.com) where you can view veterinary jobs, CPD events, the latest information on veterinary issues and much more;
- Exclusive member discounts on insurance, financial advice, private health care and worldwide travel;
- Additional support for new graduates – up to eight years qualified, including regional meetings with other graduates, a comprehensive handbook offering advice about getting started in the profession and an online support network;
- Large discounts on books and other veterinary products.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RCVS AND THE BVA?

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### RCVS

The RCVS is the statutory body set up to administer the Veterinary Surgeons Act and is responsible for the registration, education and discipline of the profession. A person must be a member of the RCVS before he/she can practise veterinary surgery and medicine in the UK.

### BVA

The BVA is a professional organisation to which veterinarians belong on a voluntary basis. With approximately 11,000 members, the BVA has developed since it was founded in 1882 to become the acknowledged representative body of the British veterinary profession at home and overseas.

For further information on becoming a member or to find out more about the BVA and our activities please visit [www.bva.co.uk](http://www.bva.co.uk) or contact the BVA at:

British Veterinary Association, 7 Mansfield Street, London, W1G 9NQ  
Tel: 020 7636 6541 Email: [bvahq@bva.co.uk](mailto:bvahq@bva.co.uk) Web: [www.bva.co.uk](http://www.bva.co.uk)

Please complete the relevant sections of the form, then tear it off at the perforation (right), moisten, fold and seal. There's no need to add a stamp when posting the form.

## MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2008

Standard	£240	Eighth year after graduation	£216
Joint (UK)	£336	Retired*	£108
First year after graduation	£132	Joint retired*	£132
Second year after graduation	£144	Overseas (including Ireland and EU)	£192
Third year after graduation	£156	Joint overseas	£294
Fourth year after graduation	£168	Student† (Full)	£60
Fifth year after graduation	£180	Student† (Basic)	£27
Sixth year after graduation	£192	Postgraduate student	£108
Seventh year after graduation	£204		

\* The retired rate is available to any member who no longer derives an income from their professional qualifications (including members carrying out postgraduate study). † Students have access to all membership benefits and may also choose whether they would like to receive all of the BVA journals: *The Veterinary Record*, *In Practice* and *Off the Record* and have access to [www.bvapublications.com](http://www.bvapublications.com) (Full) or just *In Practice* and *Off the Record* (Basic). In addition, some universities subsidise the cost of student membership. If you would like further information then please contact the membership department on: 020 7908 6350 or [membership@bva.co.uk](mailto:membership@bva.co.uk)

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name (inc. title): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ University: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation/year of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you previously been a BVA member? Yes No

Membership of the Association is open to all members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), to those on the Supplementary Veterinary Register; to students studying for a degree entitling them to membership of the RCVS and to holders of EU veterinary qualifications which would entitle the holder to membership of the RCVS under the terms of the EU Professional Directives.

I would like to become a member of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and agree to abide by the rules as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (copy available on request). I agree to pay my subscription on January 1st each year, and if at any time I wish to resign from membership undertake to send my resignation to the Secretary by December 1st of the year in which I wish to resign.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Income Tax relief on membership subscriptions:** The annual BVA membership subscription is allowable as a deduction from emoluments assessable for Income Tax under Schedule E. 1988 Income and Corporation Taxes Act, Section 201.

We occasionally provide our members' details to companies screened by BVA. If you **would not** like your details to be given out please tick this box:

## AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT AND INTEREST

Please select from the following areas of employment. If more than one area is applicable please number in order of relevance.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small animal | <input type="checkbox"/> Large animal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equine       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government   | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat hygiene |

Please indicate your area(s) of interest so that we may send you relevant information in future.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds           | <input type="checkbox"/> Exotics   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion       | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equine          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |                                    |

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

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B. Direct Debit – I have completed the Direct Debit instruction below (UK bank accounts only).

C. Cheque – I have enclosed a cheque (made payable to BVA) for the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_

<h3>Instruction to your bank or building society to pay Direct Debits</h3>		 <b>O I N 9 9 0 5 8 2</b>
Name of bank or building society: <input type="text"/>	BVA reference (membership number): <input type="text"/>	
Address of branch: <input type="text"/>	Payment frequency (please tick): <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually	
Name(s) of account holder(s): <input type="text"/>	Instruction to your bank/building society Please pay the British Veterinary Association Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with BVA and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.	
Branch sort code: <input type="text"/>	Signature: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
Account number: <input type="text"/>		

## SUPPORT THE BVA ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION

I would like to make a regular donation of £10  £20  £50  Other (please specify) £ \_\_\_\_\_ per year  
 Regular donations will be collected at the same time as your BVA subscription (for direct debit or credit card payments)

I would like to make a one-off donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

A one-off donation to the BVA AWF can be included in the same cheque as for your BVA subscription (made payable to BVA)

Gift Aid – Please treat all my donations until further notice as Gift Aid. I confirm that I pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the BVA AWF will reclaim on my donations in the tax year. Please tick here if you would like the BVA AWF to do this

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