

FEI™ VETERINARIANS | UPDATE

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Competency-based Evaluation System

All Official Veterinarians were informed of the group they belong to for the 2021 CES assessment. Taking the Covid-19 measures into consideration, the following criteria were used:

Group A – No in-person maintenance course needed in 2021

Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Reining or Vaulting Official Veterinarians	Last General Veterinarian Course or Level 2/3/4 OV Course in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020
Endurance Official Veterinarians	Last Advanced 3*/4* EOV Course or Level 2/3/4 EOV Course in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020
Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials	Last 2*/3*/4* EVT Course or Level 2/3/4 EVT Course in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020
Testing Veterinarians	Last Testing Veterinarian Course in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020

Group B – One or more in-person maintenance course(s) needed in 2021

Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Reining or Vaulting Official Veterinarians	Last General Veterinarian Course in 2016 or before
Endurance Official Veterinarians	Last Advanced 3*/4* EOV Course in 2016 or before
Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials	Last 2*/3*/4* EVT Course in 2016 or before
Testing Veterinarians	Never attended a Testing Veterinarian Course or attended the Testing Veterinarian meeting at the FEI HQ in 2017

Please note that veterinarians who are listed for multiple functions (OV, EOV, EVT, Testing Veterinarian) were placed in Group B if they are due for an in-person maintenance course for one of their functions. By doing so, they will only be required to take the CES assessment once at the course.

We kindly ask you to check that you belong to the right group and revert to Anne Saez (anne.saez@fei.org), should a mistake have occurred.

New Certificates

New certificates (ID cards) will be issued in January 2021 for all OVs, EOVs, EVTs and Testing Veterinarians. They will be valid for one year to coincide with the CES requirements that call for an annual re-validation of status. We will inform all veterinarians once they are ready for download in their online account.

Veterinarians needing to officiate in the first weeks of January are kindly requested to contact Anne Saez (anne.saez@fei.org) so she can issue a certificate for them.

Disclosures Declaration

The FEI Veterinary Department worked on an alternate solution to submitting veterinary licences and letters of good standing.

As of 2021, FEI Veterinarians will be required to confirm the following at the beginning of the PTV online examination and CES assessment:

- they are licenced to practice veterinary medicine in the National Federation under which they are registered; and
- They have no caution or conviction, including absolute and conditional discharges and spent convictions, or adverse finding (including by a regulator or professional disciplinary proceedings) registered or related proceedings pending against them in their country or any other country, or they have previously declared them to the FEI Veterinary Department.

Any loss of veterinary licence or any findings of professional misconduct or malpractice, any charges and/or prosecutions for animal welfare violations, any drug related prosecutions, any offence that would fall under the FEI Safeguarding Policy against Harassment and Abuse and/or any caution, conviction or adverse finding related to their work as a veterinarian must be declared to the FEI Veterinary Department.

Failure to do so may result in the FEI taking disciplinary proceedings against them in accordance with the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct and/or the FEI General Regulations.

Veterinary Courses and Registration

Most course organisers are still deciding the dates for the 2021 veterinary courses. The [calendar](#) will be updated in due course.

Please note that course registration forms are no longer in use. Kindly inform your National Federation of the course you wish to attend and they will take care of the online registration for you.

Education System and Applications for Promotion

The FEI Education & Officials Department is currently reviewing the 2021 Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

We thank you for keeping all applications for promotion on hold until the document is published on the [FEI website](#).

New Levels

The new Levels for OVs, EOVs and EVT's have been added to their functions with a Start Date of 01.01.2021.

Annex X of the 2021 Veterinary Regulations shows the minimum required Level to officiate at FEI events. Please note that Annex X will only apply to EOVs and EVT's in 2021. A one-year derogation will be given to OVs so that they and the OCs can adjust to these new provisions.

Please note that no veterinarian is currently listed as a Level 4. Veterinarians who satisfy the requirements set forth in the 2021 Education System will be put forward by either their National Federation or the FEI Veterinary Department, which sets the needs for Level 4 veterinarians. They will be asked to take a special training, which consists of an online interview with the Course Director General and a 3-day course at the FEI Headquarters, whose objective is to enhance the participants' communication and interpersonal skills.

Elective Testing

Changes have been made to the Elective Testing system which will be applicable from 1 January 2021. From next year, the list of Elective Testing Substances has been expanded to include all Controlled Medication and it will also be possible to submit blood samples as well as urine samples for testing. Each submission under the system can be tested for a maximum of four Controlled Medication Substances. Further information can be found [here](#).

EADCM Sampling Forms

Please note that the correct way of using the form is to detach the sections from the blue page and send a copy of the white page to the FEI. No parts are to be removed from the white page, it must remain intact. We changed the perforations from the white page to the blue page a few years ago, as scans of the blue form can be difficult to read. Copies of the EADCM form are included in the documents given to the PR when a case is positive and an incorrect use of the form could result in unpleasant legal proceedings.

Social Media Guidelines

The FEI would like to draw your attention to the FEI Social Media Guidelines which were recently created to provide guidance and establish a framework to support FEI representatives and stakeholders.

We encourage you as an FEI Official to review these Guidelines, which have been designed in a short and simple format, to ensure you have all the necessary insights to use the medium of social media in an effective and positive manner to avoid any cause for concern regarding potential conflicts of interest or inappropriate language/opinions.

The Guidelines can be found in the FEI Online Library, [here](#).

We look forward to any feedback you may have on this subject, so please, should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact the FEI Veterinary Department (veterinary@fei.org).

Season's Greetings

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to extend its warmest thanks for all your work in 2020 and best wishes for the New Year.



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