

Dear RVC Final-year Students of 2021,

I am sorry that you will not be able to attend the usual graduation / admission ceremony at your school this year due to the pandemic, and recognise how disappointing this will be for you and your families.

I am, though, very pleased to tell you that you will still be able to register with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), which means that you will be able to practise as a veterinary surgeon in the UK.

In order to apply for registration with the RCVS, please read the following through carefully.

You have two options for registering so that you can practise as a veterinary surgeon in the UK.

**Option One - Registration on the day of notification of your degree**

If you wish to be admitted to the Register with effect from the day on which you have been notified of your degree you will need to apply and pay the registration fee now.

To apply, please visit the online application form and payment area which can be found on the RCVS website:-

[https://myaccount.rcvs.org.uk/RCVS/Content/Websignup/Account\\_creation/New\\_account.aspx](https://myaccount.rcvs.org.uk/RCVS/Content/Websignup/Account_creation/New_account.aspx)

**The online application form is now open, please ensure you apply by Friday 4 June 2021. Payment should be made online.**

**Option Two - Registration at a later date**

If you prefer to delay registration for now and/or until you have found a job, you will need to apply after you have obtained your degree. Please visit the online application form and payment area, which can be found on the RCVS website:-

[https://myaccount.rcvs.org.uk/RCVS/Content/Websignup/Account\\_creation/New\\_account.aspx](https://myaccount.rcvs.org.uk/RCVS/Content/Websignup/Account_creation/New_account.aspx)

Payment should be made online, we will then process your application – it will usually be completed **within seven days**. Please note that you will not legally be able to practise as a veterinary surgeon in the UK without being registered, so please leave enough time for the registration process to take place before you are due to start working.

Thank you very much,

Yours faithfully

The Registration Department

## NOTES FOR EVERYONE

*Passport/ID* - In order to apply you will need to upload a copy of the identifying pages of your current passport or EU ID card. If you do not have a current passport or EU ID card to hand, then please proceed with your application and you will be contacted by the RCVS and asked to provide alternative ID.

*'Dr' title* - RCVS-registered veterinary surgeons are now permitted to use the courtesy title 'Dr' in conjunction with the descriptor 'veterinary surgeon' or 'MRCVS'. If you wish to be styled 'Dr' please select this title when you apply online to register.

*Fee* - The registration fee for 2021 is £182 and will cover your registration with the RCVS until 31 March 2022. At this point you will need to renew your registration annually in order to remain on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons. Please note, payment receipts will be emailed to the email address provided.

*After admittance to the Register* - You will receive a 'Welcome' email within 72 hours of being admitted to the Register. If you do not receive this, please check your spam folder, and contact us if you cannot find it there. Please make ensure you read the email thoroughly as it will include important information such as a link to your online account and username, where you can pay your fees and update your contact details, a link to the 'Code of Professional Conduct' and 1CPD as well as other useful information. You will be contacted by the Education Department within four weeks of being admitted to the Register about the Professional Development Phase (PDP) / VetGDP.

*Not intending to practise in the UK* - If you do not intend to practise in the UK then you are not required to register with the RCVS. Please note you can apply to register any time in the future.

*Re-sits* - If you have applied to register with the RCVS, and paid your fee, but sadly do not pass your exams first time we will hold your application open, and your fee, until you have taken your re-sits. A refund of your fee can be organised if requested.