



International Harmonization of Accreditation Standards

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Accreditation

Comprehensive external peer review designed to examine veterinary medical education programs for quality assurance and quality improvement

- evaluates the program to determine if it meets acceptable levels of quality and has a process for continuous quality improvement

International Accreditors Working Group

- **Formed (2007) to facilitate, manage and make recommendations on joint international accreditation site visits**
 - Initial members
 - Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC)
 - American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA COE)
 - Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
 - 2018 added
 - European Association for Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE)
 - South African Veterinary Council

International Accreditors Working Group

- **IAWG**
 - Does not function as a decision making body
 - Does develop recommendations
- **Joint site visits**
 - Developed procedures for joint site visits

International Accreditors Working Group

- **Harmonization of Accreditation Standards**
 - Similarities and differences in accreditation standards
 - Discussions on harmonization
 - IAWG cannot mandate changes to accreditation standards
 - Makes recommendations
 - Each agency makes its own decision regarding changes to accreditation standards

International Accreditors Working Group

- **Standards and Antimicrobial Resistance**
 - Limited mention in standards (AVBC, AVMA, EAEVE, RCVS)
 - In principle is covered in Curriculum and Outcome Assessment standards
 - Is in the RCVS and EAEVE Day 1 Competences

Standards of Accreditation

- **AVBC**
 - [Microsoft Word - FINAL AVBC Standards V8, July 2020 New Logo.docx](#)
- **AVMA COE**
 - [Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Council on Education \(COE\) | American Veterinary Medical Association](#)

Standards of Accreditation

- **RCVS**
 - [RCVS Accreditation Standards - Professionals](#)
- **EAEVE**
 - [ESEVT SOP 2019 adopted by the 32nd GA in Zagreb on 30 May 2019 Updated Annexes 16a 16b.pdf \(eaeve.org\)](#)

THANK YOU

