

VCI Recognised Qualifications in Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Nursing

General Information

The only programme of Veterinary Medicine in Ireland is delivered by University College Dublin (UCD).

Recognised Programmes of Veterinary Medicine are delivered in English by Budapest University of Veterinary Science, Hungary, Kosice University, Slovakia, and Warsaw Agricultural University, Poland.

UK programmes of **veterinary medicine** recognised by the Veterinary Council of Ireland which enable access to the Register of Veterinary Practitioner include Bristol University, Edinburgh University, Glasgow University, Liverpool University, Nottingham University, University of Cambridge, University of London and University of Surrey.

There are 5 programmes of **veterinary nursing** delivered in Ireland which enable access to the Register of Veterinary Nurses of the Veterinary Council of Ireland. These include UCD, Dundalk IT, Atlantic Technological University (ATU) (*formerly known as Letterkenny IT*), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) (*formerly known as Athlone IT*) and St Johns College Cork.

Programmes of Veterinary Medicine are usually delivered over a 5 year period, with programmes of Veterinary Nursing delivery from 2 to 4 years, depending on the programme.

Routes of Access to the VCI Register of Veterinary Practitioners

In order to be registered on the Register of Veterinary Practitioners, you must hold a qualification in veterinary medicine that is recognised for the purpose of registration by the Veterinary Council. The below categories of qualifications may be *automatically recognised* by the Veterinary Council for the purpose of registration:

- i. Qualifications awarded by universities in Ireland that are accredited by the Veterinary Council of Ireland
- ii. Qualifications awarded in EU member States listed in Annex V point 5.4.2 of Directive 2005/36/EC.
- iii. Qualifications awarded by universities that hold full accreditation/approval status with the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE)
- iv. Qualifications awarded by universities in the United Kingdom that are accredited by the Royal college of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

- v. Qualifications awarded after 20 September 2007 by universities accredited by the American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA), where the applicant can provide evidence of a passing score in the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)
- vi. Qualifications awarded by universities that hold full accreditation/approval status with the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC).

Qualifications in veterinary medicine that are not recognised by the Veterinary Council for the purpose of registration do not entitle a person to be registered to practise veterinary medicine in the State.

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Universities and Programmes of Veterinary Medicine Recognised for Registration

i) Qualifications awarded by universities in Ireland that are accredited by the Veterinary Council of Ireland:

Country	Institution	Qualification
Ireland	National University of Ireland (UCD)	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (MVB)

ii) Qualifications awarded in EU member States listed in Annex V point 5.4.2 of Directive 2005/36/EC:

Country	Institution	Qualification
Austria	Vienna University	Diplom-Tierarzt "Mag.med.vet" (MVDr)
Belgium	University of Ghent	Doctor in de Diergeneeskunde (DVM)
Belgium	University of Liege	Diplôme de Docteur en Médecine Vétérinaire (MVDr)
Bulgaria	University of Forestry, Sofia	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Bulgaria	Trakia University in Stara Zagora	Masters of Science (Veterinary) (MVDr)

Croatia	University of Zagreb	Doktor Veterinarske Medicine (DVM)
Czech	University of Veterinary Medicine Brno	Diplom O Ukončení Studia Ve Studijním Programu Veterinární Lékařství (MVDr)
Denmark	Copenhagen University	Bevis for Bestået Kandidateksamen I Veterinaervidenskab (MVDr)
Estonia	Estonia University of Life Sciences	Diplom täitnud veterinaarmeditsiini õppekava (DVM)
Finland	Helsinki University	Eläinlääketieteen Lisensiaatin Tutkinto (MVDr)
France	Alfort University	Diplome de Docteur Veterinaire (MVDr)
France	Lyon University	Diplome de Docteur Veterinaire (MVDr)
France	Nantes University	Diplome de Docteur Veterinaire (MVDr)
France	Toulouse University	Diplome de Docteur Veterinaire (MVDr)
France	VetAgro Sup Marcy-l'Etoile	Docteur Vétérinaire
Germany	Berlin University	Zeugnis über die tierärztliche Staatsprüfung (MVDr)
Germany	Bern University	Zeugnis über die eidgenössisch diplomierter Tierarzt (DVM)
Germany	Giessen University	Zeugnis über die tierärztliche Staatsprüfung (MVDr)
Germany	Hanover University	Zeugnis über die tierärztliche Staatsprüfung (MVDr)
Germany	Leipzig University	Zeugnis über die tierärztliche Staatsprüfung (MVDr)
Germany	Munich University	Zeugnis über die tierärztliche Staatsprüfung (MVDr)
Greece	Thessaloniki University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Greece	Thessaly University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Hungary	Budapest University of Veterinary Science	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Hungary	Szent István University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Ireland	National University of Ireland (UCD)	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (MVB)
Italy	Bologna University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)

Italy	Naples University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Parma University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Perugia University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Pisa University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Sassari University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Torino University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	Turin University	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	University of Bari	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	University of Milan	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	University of Padua	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Italy	University of Teramo	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (MVB)
Latvia	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	Veterinārārsta diploms
Lithuania	Lithuanian Veterinary Academy	Aukštojo Mokslo Diplomas (DVM)
Netherlands	Utrecht University	Getuigschrift Van Met Goed Gevolg Afgelegd Diergeneeskundig/Veerartsenijkundi Examen (DVM)
Norway	Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine	Candidatus Medicinae Veterinariae (CMV)
Poland	Lublin Agricultural University	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)
Poland	Poznan University of Life Sciences	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)
Poland	University of Agriculture in Krakow	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)
Poland	Warmia & Mazury University	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)

Poland	Warsaw Agricultural University	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)
Poland	Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences	Dyplom Lekarza Weterynarii (DVM)
Portugal	Escola Universitaria Vasco Da Gama	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (DVM)
Portugal	Évora University	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (DVM)
Portugal	Lisbon University	Mestrado Integrado Em Medicina Veterinária
Portugal	Lisbon University	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (DVM)
Portugal	Porto University	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (DVM)
Portugal	Lusofona University Lisbon	Mestrado Integrado Em Medicina Veterinária
Portugal	University of Tras os Montes E Alto Douro	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (DVM)
Romania	Bucharest University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Romania	Cluj Napoca University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Romania	Timisoara University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Romania	"Ion Ionescu de la Brad" Iasi University of Life Sciences	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Slovakia	Kosice University	Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu 'doktor veterinárskeho lekárstva' ('MVDr.')
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana	Doktor Veterinarske Medicine (DVM)
Spain	Barcelona University	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Cordoba University	Grado de Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Escola Universitaria Vasco Da Gama	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Las Palmas University	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Leon University	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Lleida University	Graduada en Veterinaria
Spain	Madrid University	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Murcia University	Graduado en Veterinaria

Spain	Santiago University	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Universidad Católica de Valencia	Graduada en Veterinaria
Spain	University Cardenal Herrera-CEU	Graduada en Veterinaria
Spain	University of Extremadura	Licenciado en Veterinaria (DVM)
Spain	Zaragoza University	Graduado en Veterinaria
Spain	Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio	Graduado en Veterinaria
Sweden	Uppsala University	Veterinarexamen (DVM)

iii) Qualifications awarded by universities that hold full accreditation/approval status with the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE):

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iv) Qualifications awarded by universities in the United Kingdom that are accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS):

Country	Institution	Qualification
UK	Bristol University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
UK	Edinburgh University	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (BVM&S)
UK	Glasgow University	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (BVMS)
UK	Liverpool University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
UK	Nottingham University	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Surgery (BVM BVS)
UK	University of Cambridge	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (VetMB)
UK	University of London	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)
UK	University of Surrey	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Science (BVMS)

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USA	Auburn University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	Cornell University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	Kansas State University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	Michigan State University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	Minnesota State University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	North Carolina State University	Dochtúir Leighis Tréidliachta (DVM)
USA	St George's University	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	University of Buenos Aires	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	University of Illinois	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	University of Prince Edward Island	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
USA	University of Saskatchewan	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Canada	University of Guelph	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

vi) Qualifications awarded by universities that hold full accreditation/approval status with the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC):

Country	Institution	Qualification
New Zealand	Massey University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
Australia	Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Veterinary Biology (BVBiol)/Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
Australia	James Cook University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) (BVSc(Hons))

Australia	The University of Adelaide	Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) (BSc(VetBiosc)) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Australia	The University of Melbourne	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Australia	Murdoch University	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery (BVMS) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Australia	The University of Queensland	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) (BVSc(Hons))
Australia	The University of Sydney	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

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Ireland	Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT)	Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing (BScVN)
Ireland	Atlantic Technological University (Formerly LYIT)	Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing (BScVN)

Ireland	St. John's Central College	QQI Level 6 Advance Science (Veterinary Nursing)
Ireland	National University of Ireland (UCD)	Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DipVN) Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing (BScVN)

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