

Guidelines for Application for the Examination of the Eligibility for Membership of the Japanese College of Veterinary Pathologist (JCVP)

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[Aim of the Examination]

1. This Examination is designed to assess the knowledge and practical skills required for the pathological diagnosis of the diseases of animals and the understanding of the mechanism by which diseases occur. Therefore, this Examination will also focus on assessing basic understanding of toxicologic pathology, immunopathology and molecular pathology as well as general pathology and special pathology (each of farm animals, companion animals and laboratory animals), all of which are considered to be the basic knowledge that should be the subject of the assessment intended by this Examination. The objective of this Examination is to identify the level of the knowledge and skills required for a professional veterinary pathologist and at the same time to show the level of the quality of the current veterinary pathologists to the general public, and thus to provide the people who aim to be a professional veterinary pathologist with practical guidance for their studies.

[Number of Questions and Distribution of Points]

2. The written examination will consist of 60 questions from general veterinary pathology, 30 questions from each field of special pathology classified by the animal group (total 60 questions from two fields to be chosen from a total of three fields) and 30 questions from the imaging examination; all questions are one-out-of-five multiple-choice questions as a general rule. Each question will be worth one point for a total of 150 points.

3. In the microscopic examination, as a general rule, applicants will be required to examine the specimens set on glass slides that have been taken from 15 specific cases so that they may be tested on the knowledge and skills necessary for pathological diagnosis from various angles. Each question will be worth 10 points for a total of 150

points.

[Eligibility Criteria]

4. As a general rule, an applicant who has obtained a score of at least 60 percent of the total available points (which is equivalent to 180 points out of a total of 300 points) and at least 50 percent of the points available in the microscopic examination will be considered eligible for the membership.

[Scope of Questions and Sources]

5. For the purpose of this Examination, the following books and journals are designated as the Basic Reference Books and at least 60 percent of the questions of the written examination (covering both fields of general pathology and special pathology) will be taken from these Basic Reference Books. After the completion of the Examination, sources of questions will be disclosed upon request.

[Basic Reference Books(Latest version)]

Dobutsu Byorigaku Soron (General Animal Pathology) (Bun-ei Do), Dobutsu Byorigaku Kakuron (Special Animal Pathology) (Bun-ei Do), Dobutsu Byorigaku Color Atlas (Color Atlas of Animal Pathology) (Bun-ei Do), Jui Byorigaku Jisshu (Manual for Practical Training in Veterinary Pathology) (Gakuso Sha), Pathologic Basis of Disease (W.B. Saunders Co.), Pathologic Basis of Veterinary Disease (Mosby), Pathology of Domestic Animals (Academic Press), Veterinary Pathology (Williams & Wilkins), Tumors in Domestic Animals (Iowa State Press), Diseases of Poultry (Iowa State Press), Dokusei Byori Soshikigaku (Toxicologic Histopathology) (Japanese Society of Toxicologic Pathology), Handbook of Toxicologic Pathology (Academic Press), Fundamentals of Toxicologic Pathology (Academic Press)

[Journals (published in the last three years)] Journal of Veterinary Medical Science
Veterinary Pathology, Journal of Comparative Pathology, Avian Pathology, Toxicologic Pathology, Journal of Toxicologic Pathology

[Requesting the Preparation of Questions of the Written Examination]

6. The Examination Committee may request JCVP members to prepare questions of the

written examination in the name of a director of the Executive Board. By virtue of being engaged in such preparation work, any JCVP member who has prepared the questions will be awarded prescribed number of points to be added to the points required for the eligibility for renewal of membership.

[Approval and Announcement of Examination Results]

7. Promptly after the completion of the Examination, the Chairperson will report the results of the Examination (together with the questions) to the President of the Executive Board. The President of the Executive Board will inform all applicants of its decision as to acceptance or rejection of their applications after deliberation by the Executive Board on the Examination results.

8. After the completion of the Examination, the questions of the Examination, their model answers and the results of the Examination will be published in the JCVP Newsletter and on the JCVP website. The results of the Examination include the number of applicants, the number and ratio of successful applicants, the passing mark, the names of successful applicants and the average scores for each subject

[Notification of Examination Results and the Raising of Objections]

9. The President of the Executive Board will inform all applicants of its decision as to acceptance or rejection of their applications, the score for each subject and total score obtained by the applicant and their respective average score for all applicants, and the passing mark. An objection may be raised only if it is made in a written form and the applicant who made the objection will receive a written answer directly from the President of the Executive Board.

10. These Guidelines will be published in the JCVP Newsletter and on the JCVP website as the guidelines for the Applicants for the Examination.