

15th March 2024

To All Potential Candidates of the AiCVO Diplomate Examination in 2024

Dear Candidates,

AiCVO has decided to host the 2024 diplomate examination via a semi-remote method. The written portion will be held in October in your country or city. The surgical portion of the examination will be held in Tokyo, Japan, in November.

The requirements are below.

- 1) The Multiple Choice and Image Recognition Questions will be sent to the candidates' supervisor or principal. The candidates' supervisor or principal will act as examiners or adjudicators for the AiCVO during the exam period. The candidates' supervisor or principal must adhere and agree to the rules set by the Exam Committee- which will be sent out later.
- 2) Animal Examination Section- Cancelled
- 3) Extraocular and Intraocular surgery will be an in-person examination in Tokyo, Japan.

Please ensure that the requirements set out below are fulfilled for any new candidates who wish to proceed with their diplomate examination in 2024.

Requirements and qualifications of candidates:

Candidates who wish to apply for the Diplomate examination should fulfill the following requirements/qualifications:

1. Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in an Asian country.
2. Be of good moral and ethical standing in the profession.
3. Have at least 6 years of experience in veterinary ophthalmology, including clinical, academic, research, and/or teaching, devoting at least 70% of their time to clinical ophthalmology practice (the last 3 years of which must have logbook documentation).
4. Have over 200 new ophthalmology cases/year. Simple cases, such as only lens nuclear sclerosis, should not be included.
5. Have at least one published hypothesis-based original research full paper(s) in ophthalmology as the first author or corresponding author in peer-reviewed journals cited by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) (SCI-listed journals) within the past 5 years. Case reports, letters, and proceedings are not included.
6. Have presented one or more oral or poster presentations as the first author at the annual scientific meeting of the Asian Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (AiSVO), American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO), European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO), or Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) within recent 5 years.

Application Materials/Documents:

Veterinarians meeting these requirements and wishing to apply for the Diplomates examination should submit the following documents in English:

1. Cover letter indicates to apply for Diplomates examination of AiCVO.
2. A "conventional" format of curriculum vitae, which should include:
 - a. Education and employment history
 - b. The training received in veterinary ophthalmology (Institute, mentor, etc)

- c. Record of participation and presentation in national and international veterinary ophthalmology meetings
 - d. Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters authored by the candidate
 - e. Teaching of veterinary ophthalmology by the candidate
 - f. Lectures in veterinary ophthalmology by the candidate in continuing education courses
3. The complete attached Excel file of records, which should include a detailed case logbook for the past 3 years (note that the file has 6 worksheets)
 4. Two reference letters. At least one letter is from a mentor or/supervisor of a past/current job/study. The letters should address the candidate's good moral character and ethical standing and confirm the accuracy of all application documents/records submitted by the candidate.

Also, the candidate should submit:

1. An electronic copy (PDF file) of his/her license to practice veterinary medicine. If the license is not in English, append a translation.
2. Electronic copies (PDF file) of the first page of all book chapters, peer-reviewed articles, and meeting abstracts authored by the candidate and published in English.

Payment of Examination Fees:

This should be paid into the Korea AiSVO/AiCVO bank account at application. The fees include 2 parts paid at 2 respective stages:

1. Examination application fee: USD200 for credential review of candidates' qualifications.
2. Examination fee: once the Credential Committee has approved the candidate's application, the candidate will be notified by AiSVO/AiCVO to be eligible to attend the Diplomate examination. Then, the new candidate should pay the Diplomate examination fee of USD 2,000 to the AiSVO/AiCVO bank account before attending the Diplomate examination.

Before the payment, the re-examination candidates should confirm the examination fee amount with the AiCVO/AiSVO. The USD2000 examination fees include 3 portions of the Diplomate examination: 1) the Image Recognition and Histopathology examination, 2) the Written examination, and 3) the Practical examination. The re-examination candidates may pay for re-taking the failed portion(s) among 3 portions.

Application Submission:

The deadline for the Diplomate examination application and payment of USD 200 for document review is April 30, 2024. The Chairperson of the Credential Committee, Dr. Kumiko Kato (55kumi.k@gmail.com), must receive electronic copies (and hard/printed copies) of all application materials by email **no later than April 30, 2024.**

The result of the review will be informed by e-mail from the Credentials Committee of AiCVO on the 30th May 2024.

Registration and payment for the examination are required by **June 30, 2024.** Only on-time registration and payments are accepted.

Please remit payment to the below account:-

1.
paypal.me/canvet

Or

2.
Bank name: Shinhan bank
Bank address: 20,SEJONG-DAERO 9-GIL, JUNG-GU, SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
SWIFT CODE: SHBKKRSE
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Please email the committee if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely



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