

**Proposed addition to 1.6 Application Part 1: Sponsorship by ACPV Diplomates:**

Three ACPV Diplomates in good standing must serve as sponsors to support the credentialing of the applicant. **Instead of one ACPV Diplomate, one of the sponsors, but not the primary sponsor, may be a diplomate of the European College of Poultry Veterinary Science in good standing.** The Application Part 1 form is found on the Exam/Policy page of the ACPV website.

**Background:**

The European College of Poultry Veterinary Science (ECPVS) was founded in 2009 and fully recognized by the European Board of Veterinary Specialization in 2019. It examines and authenticates veterinarians as recognized specialists in poultry veterinary science in a similar manner to the ACPV, i.e. a 1-year internship, a 3-year residency and a comprehensive exam consisting of a practical and theoretical part are required to become a diplomate. ECPVS Diplomates are re-accredited every five years to ensure their continued specialist status. It can thus be assumed that ECPVS Diplomates are qualified to assess if candidates are ready to sit the ACPV board exam. Conversely, the ECPVS lets ACPV Diplomats join the college without sitting the exam if they reside in Europe.