



**THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS**

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Are there any veterinarians around the world who are thinking of sitting for the membership exams in Aquatic Animal Health in 2012? If yes, then please let us know and we can suggest mentors and organise examiners.

For those unfamiliar with the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS), the principal objects of the ANZCVS are:

- a. To advance the study of veterinary science and to bring together members of the veterinary profession for their common benefit
- b. to hold, conduct or arrange examinations of professional proficiency for the purpose of determining qualification for Membership of the College and Fellowship of the College.

The College encourages veterinarians in practice, in industry, in government employment, and in other fields to seek to improve themselves; and provides additional post-graduate qualifications as a goal.

Membership of the College signifies that a candidate has demonstrated a high level of interest and competence in a given area of veterinary activity. This is judged by that standard of knowledge and understanding, practical skills, attitude, methodology and communication which would make the person suitable to give professional advice to veterinary colleagues not similarly qualified on problems or procedures often encountered or used in general practice, in the relevant area of veterinary endeavour.

Applications to sit membership need to be in with the College by the end of October (in 5 weeks). They will accept applications until the end of November, but if received after the end of October the applicant will have to pay a \$50 late fee.

Further particulars and application forms are available from:

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The ANZCVS has served the veterinary profession for forty years, playing a pivotal role in veterinary specialisation and advanced education in Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

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It conducts a two tier examination system to determine qualification for Membership and Fellowship of the College.

Membership level examinations are pitched at a unique level and are undertaken by veterinary practitioners after their fourth year since graduation, to improve their level of knowledge and understanding, and to demonstrate a high level of interest and competence in one of 37 different subject areas of veterinary activity.

Fellowship level is specialist level (equivalent to Diplomate). Standards for Fellowship training and examinations in 36 different subjects meet or exceed the prerequisites for registration as a veterinary specialist in Australia and/or New Zealand. Prior to examination, a two- three year directly supervised training program is required; along with evidence of case load, scholarship, research and peer-reviewed publications.

The ANZCVS differs from the North American and European Colleges as it covers a wide range of discipline areas through 19 'Chapters' within the one College. Different Chapters are based on subject/discipline areas. Each Chapter has a Chapter Executive and a Chapter

Examination Committee but all Chapters are governed by the one central College administration.

The ANZCVS annual meeting is called 'College Science Week'. It is a three-day, collegiate, cutting-edge, multi-streamed, scientific meeting held at the same venue as the annual oral/practical each year in June/July.