



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Continuing Competence Committee Policy: Defining the 2-Year Continuing Education Cycle

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Preamble

Part 4 of the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia (CVBC) Bylaws, Ethics and Standards, require that each registrant must complete 30 hours of Continuing Education (CE) every 2 years¹. The Bylaws also determine that the Continuing Competence Committee (CCC) will establish the criteria for determining how to apply the two-year cycle to each registrant².

Policy:

The Continuing Competence Committee resolves that a uniform two-year cycle will apply to all registrants and will begin on January 1 of each odd year (eg. January 1, 2025) and end on December 31 of the subsequent even year (eg. December 31, 2026). All registrants are required to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of Continuing Education that satisfy the bylaw requirements (and any future CCC Policy requirements) for CE regarding content and format during each two-year cycle, and to report their CE credits online via their Registrant Account (accessed via the Registrant Portal of the CVBC website) on an annual basis.

Proration of CE Requirements For New Registrants

When a veterinarian is newly registered with the CVBC, their requirement for CE hours will be prorated to the period of the cycle in which they become a registrant. Continuing the example where the cycle begins January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2026, an individual's CE requirement will be determined according to the following table:

Date Registered	CE hours required by Dec 31, 2026
January 1 – March 31, 2025	30 hours
April 1 – June 30, 2025	26.25 hours
July 1 – September 31, 2025	22.5 hours
October 1 – December 31, 2025	18.75 hours
January 1 – March 31, 2026	15 hours
April 1 – June 30, 2026	11.25 hours
July 1 – September 30, 2026	7.5 hours
October 1 – December 31, 2026	3.75 hours

¹ Bylaws, Part 4, Ethics and Standards, s. 255 *Mandatory Continuing Education*

² Part 4, s. 255 *Mandatory Continuing Education*

A new registrant's prorated CE hours must be accrued between their date of registration and the end of the 2-year CE cycle.

The CVBC will accept CE credits acquired by the new registrant from the time *before* they are registered with the CVBC but minimum requirements will no longer be prorated. The following must be true of any pre-CVBC CE that is reported for credit:

1. The registrant must report (within their online Registrant Account which is accessed via the Registrant Portal of the CVBC website) the full 30 CE hours by the end of the current 2-year CE cycle;
2. All reported CE credits that the new registrant claims must have been acquired during the CVBC's current 2-year CE cycle; and
3. All reported CE must satisfy the bylaw requirements (and any future CCC Policy requirements) for CE regarding content and format.

Proration for New Graduates

Definition: As described below, CE requirements of new registrants who are also new graduates may be subject to additional proration, depending upon date of graduation relative to date of initial CVBC registration. For the purposes of this policy, "**new graduate**" is defined to be a veterinarian who was awarded their degree in veterinary medicine during the same calendar year in which their CVBC registration is first granted.

New graduates will not be required to complete any CE hours for the remainder of the calendar year in which they are first registered. CE hour requirement accrual would begin January 1 of the following calendar year.

To illustrate (and continuing the 2025/2026 timeframe used as a reference earlier in this policy):

- A veterinarian who receives their veterinary degree during 2025 and becomes registered with the CVBC during 2025, would begin to accrue CE requirements as of January 1, 2026 and would therefore need to complete 15 hours of CE by the end of the 2025-2026 CE cycle.
- A veterinarian who receives their veterinary degree during 2026 and becomes registered with the CVBC during 2026, would begin to accrue CE requirements as of January 1, 2027 and would therefore be required to complete 30 hours of CE by the end of the 2027-2028 CE cycle.

This policy was prepared by the Continuing Competence Committee under the authority of Bylaw section 1.51(2)(d) and approved by Council pursuant to Bylaw section 1.2(4).

ⁱ **Policy History:**

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