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**Veterinary Council of Ireland**

**Amendments to CVE Regulations**

**Veterinary Nurses**

**Consultation document**

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**Regulation 1.2**

Current Regulation 1.2

Each individual is responsible for the return of his or her CVE credit claim. Credits are returned in two ways. For CVE activity pre-accredited by the VETC the provider should return the record of attendances. Additional credits to the ones submitted by providers may be claimed by filling in a CVE Record Card and submitting it to the Council. A Record Card is mailed annually to each veterinary nurse and is available for download from the Council’s website. Details of what needs to be submitted in support of the credits being sought are outlined in section 4 of this document.

First Draft - Regulation 1.2. (2016)

Each individual is responsible for the return of his or her CVE credit claim. A Record Card is mailed annually to each veterinary nurse and is available for download from the Council’s website. Nurses may also view and record CVE credits by logging on to the member’s section of the Council’s website. Details of what needs to be submitted in support of the credits being sought are outlined in section 4 below.

Second Draft - Regulation 1.2 (2017)

Each individual is responsible for the return of his or her CVE credit claim. Nurses may view and record CVE credits online by logging on to the member’s section of the Council’s website. *A Record Card to facilitate offline recording will be mailed to a veterinary nurse on request, and is also available to download from the Council’s website.* Details of what needs to be submitted in support of the credits being sought are outlined in Section 4 below.

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**Regulation 2.7**

Current Regulation 2.7

Graduates registering in their year of graduation will be given one credit year’s grace before they are required to conform to CVE requirements. Veterinary nurses, other than graduates of veterinary nursing registering in their year of graduation, who register during the CVE year will be required to satisfy mandatory requirement in the next credit year and yearly thereafter. Veterinary nurses who have not been working for a number of years prior to re-registration and veterinary nurses from other States who are registering for the first time will be given one credit year’s grace before they are required to conform to CVE requirements.

First Draft Regulation 2.7 (2016)

The number of credits required to be accumulated by those registering within a credit year will be in accordance with the following ‘pro rata’ arrangement - anyone registering in the first quarter of a CVE year i.e. between August and end of October would be required to complete the full complement of credits (12credits); those registering between November and the end of January would be required to complete three quarters of the credits (8 credits) and those registering in the third quarter (February to end of April) would be required to gain 6 credits and those registering in the final quarter (May to end of July) would be exempt.

New registrants or returning registrants may submit independently verified CVE credit gained in another jurisdiction. Credit for CVE undertaken in the previous three months before registering will be accepted towards the first year’s requirements.

Second Draft - Regulation 2.7 (2017)

The number of credits required by those registering within a credit year will be in accordance with the following ‘pro rata’ arrangement

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| ***CVE “pro rata” period*** | ***CVE credit required*** |
| *August – October* | *12 CVE credits* |
| *November – January* | *8 CVE credits* |
| *February – April* | *6 CVE credits* |
| *May – July* | *Exempt* |

New registrants or returning registrants may submit independently verified CVE credit gained in another jurisdiction. Credit for CVE undertaken in the previous three months before registering will be accepted towards the first year’s requirements. *Nurses who are re-registering, where they have not been registered by the Council or another competent authority may be required to undertake a prescribed programme of continuing education.*

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**Regulation 3.1**

Current Regulation 3.1

Credits may be obtained in a number of ways, for example, through attendance at courses, seminars, wet labs, discussion groups and lectures. CVE credits may be obtained also through self-study programmes, such as journal reading, CD/DVD instruction, or other non-interactive study. Interactive electronic courses, correspondence courses, documented visitation to another practice or veterinary institution, courses sponsored by accredited academic or specialty groups, international veterinary organisations are also acceptable media for obtaining CVE credits. The CVE Credit Allocation Table at the end of this document provides further detail on the credits allocated to each activity.

*First draft - Regulation 3.1 (2016)*

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Second Draft - Regulation 3.2 (2017)

Credits may be obtained in a number of ways, for example, through attendance at courses, seminars, wet labs, discussion groups and lectures. *CVE credits may be obtained also through self-study programmes, such as journal reading, CD/DVD instruction, or other independent study*. Interactive electronic courses, correspondence courses, documented visitation to another practice or veterinary institution, courses sponsored by accredited academic or specialty groups, international veterinary organisations are also acceptable media for obtaining CVE credits.

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**Regulation 3.5**

Frist Draft – Regulation 3.5 (2016)

The Council may determine that specific CVE must be completed by a particular group or groups of registrants e.g. recent graduates; those who have not practised for a number of years’, those who are coming to work in this jurisdiction for the first time .This specified CVE will have to be completed either before registration or within a specific prescribed time period after registration

Second Draft – Regulation 3.5 (2017)

This new regulation should be deleted. The second draft of Regulation 2.7 incorporates the requirements of this proposed regulation.

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**Draft New Regulation**

In their Annual Return, Nurses are required to complete a reflective self-evaluation on their CVE completed over the year, together with a plan for their CVE in the coming year

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