

# ACCREDITATION OF VETERINARY TRAINING IN EUROPE

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Accreditation of veterinary medical programs and institutions in the world was first introduced by the American Veterinary Medical Association in 1946. The European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), **the official accreditation authority for veterinary schools in Europe**, was established in Paris in 1988.

### **MISSION of the EAEVE**

The mission of the EAEVE is to evaluate, promote and further develop the quality and standard of veterinary medical establishments and their teaching within, but not limited to, the member states of the European Union (EU).

The evaluation of veterinary medical establishments in Europe is carried out by the EAEVE in cooperation with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe-FVE. The evaluation system is managed by the EAEVE via the ECOVE, again in cooperation with the FVE.

The EAEVE/FVE evaluation system gives assurance to:

- *the public* – to know they can trust the quality of graduating veterinary surgeons and the service they deliver
- *veterinary students* – to know their education reaches agreed and acceptable standards
- *veterinary establishments* – to know that their curricula and School reaches agreed benchmarked levels

Until recently, the evaluation system had consisted of two stages with similar mechanical steps but different approaches and purposes. **Stage 1** had been about the approval of a school, meaning that the veterinary training complies with the requirements of the EU Directive 2005/36, whereas **Stage 2** had been about the accreditation of a school, meaning that it complies with the generally accepted and appropriate academic standards and provides training with an acceptable level of quality.

In 1991, Ankara University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (AUFVM) and subsequently other veterinary schools from Turkey initiated their accreditation process by becoming members of the EAEVE.

## As of the end of 2019, EAEVE Members from Turkey

Kocatepe University / Afyon \*

Ankara University / Ankara

Adnan Menderes University / Aydın

Mehmet Akif Ersoy University / Burdur

Uludağ University / Bursa

Fırat University / Elazığ

Atatürk University / Erzurum\*

Istanbul University / Cerrahpaşa

Kafkas University / Kars

Erciyes University / Kayseri

Selçuk University / Konya

Harran University / Urfa\*

100. Yıl University / Van \*

(\* Candidate Member)

## Accreditation Status of Turkish Veterinary Schools

Ankara University / Ankara	(Approval)
Adnan Menderes University / Aydın	(Approval)
Uludağ University / Bursa	(Approval)
Fırat University / Elazığ	<b>(Lost its approval status)</b>
Istanbul University / Cerrahpaşa	(Approval)
Selçuk University / Konya	(Approval)

**There is no veterinary school in Turkey which has full accreditation status**

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