



Institutional Period of Veterinary Medicine in Turkey

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- Scientific veterinary medicine in Turkey started with the foundation of the first veterinary school (The Military Veterinary School) by Prussian Military Veterinarian Godlewsky in Istanbul in 1842.
- After completion of two education periods, consisting of three years each, the education period was increased to four years in 1849.
- In addition to the Military Veterinary School, the Civil Veterinary School was also opened in Istanbul in 1889. Mehmet Akif (Ersoy) was among the first term students and he graduated with the first degree in 1893.
- Both the Military and Civil Schools were united as the Higher Veterinary School in 1921 under difficult conditions of Turkish Independence War.

- Following the establishment of the Republic of Turkey, some important revolutions were realised for the construction of new Republic and in accordance with the educational reformations aimed at modernisation of agricultural and veterinary education, the *Higher Agricultural Institute* was opened in Ankara in 1933. The academic personnel, students and equipment of the Higher Veterinary School were moved from Istanbul to Ankara as the “*Veterinary Faculty*” of this Institute.
- The education was completely organized similar to veterinary schools in Germany and presidency, deanship, and institute coordinatorship were carried out by a number of 12 German Professors.
- In 1939, the education period was increased from four years to five.

- Within the scope of the first University Law of the Republic of Turkey, Ankara University was founded in 1946 and inclusion of the Veterinary Faculty directly to Ankara University were realised in 1948. This School was the only higher educational institute in the field of veterinary medicine in Turkey till 1970 and contributed to the establishment and development of other veterinary faculties in Turkey .
- The second veterinary school was founded in Elazığ in 1970. In order to meet the needs of the country, 6 schools were opened after this school. And 8 was the ideal number of the veterinary schools in Turkey.

By the end of 2019:

- The number of veterinary faculties in Turkey : **32**
- **4** veterinary schools have not yet begun operations so **28** veterinary schools are active now.

VETERINARY SCHOOLS in the WORLD (2019)

Afghanistan : 1	Canada : 5	Germany : 5	Jordan : 1	Norway : 1	New Zealand : 1	Switzerland : 2
Albania : 1	Chile : 6	Greece : 2	Libya : 1	Pakistan : 11	Serbia : 2	Thailand : 6(9)
Argentina : 11	Costa Rica : 2	Grenada : 1	Lithuania : 1	Philippines : 22	Slovakia : 1	Turkey : 32
Australia : 7	Croatia : 1	Hungary : 1	Republic of Macedonia : 1	Peru : 3	Slovenia : 1	Uganda : 1
Austria : 1	Czech Republic : 1	India : 23	Malaysia : 2	Poland : 4	South Africa : 1	Ukraine : 7
Bangladesh : 6	Danmark : 1	Indonesia : 4(6)	Mexico : 18	Portugal : 6	South Korea : 9	United Kingdom : 7 England (5) Scotland (2)
Belgium : 2	Egypt : 11	Iran : 16	Morocco : 1	Romania : 4	Spain : 11	United States : 29
Bosnia and Herzegovina : 1	Estonia : 1	Israel : 1	Myanmar : 1	Saint Kitts : 1	Sri Lanka : 1	Venezuela : 5
Brazil : 18	Finland : 1	Italy : 12	Nepal : 2	Saudi Arabia : 1	Sudan : 1	West Indies : 4
Bulgaria : 2	France : 4	Japan : 16	Netherlands : 1	Senegal : 1	Sweden : 1	

NO MORE SCHOOL BUT, QUALIFIED VETERINARIAN!!!



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&
Veterinary Education Policies**

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WHO, FVE , Governments and
activists.**

**This bell was ringing for not QUANTITY but
for QUALITY**

The number of veterinary schools, veterinary students and veterinary practitioners in Turkey have been the most problematic issues in the last 40 years.

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