

**VETERINARY MEDICAL DEGREES GRANTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
AND
CLASSIFICATION OF COLLEGES**

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I. Veterinary medical degrees granted throughout the world

Graduates should only use the degree actually granted by their college or school of veterinary medicine. For instance, if a foreign college grants a degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Science, a graduate would sign their name "John Doe, BVSc" or "Mary Smith, BVSc," and a Medico Veterinario would sign, "John Doe, MV" or "Mary Smith, MV."

All veterinarians may use the courtesy titles "Doctor" or "Veterinarian." Please refer to the [Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA](#) for additional information on the ethical use of veterinary degrees.

Degree	Name of Degree	Country
BS	Bachelor of Science	Taiwan, Afghanistan
BScVM	Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medicine	Serbia & Montenegro [formerly Yugoslavia]
BASc	Bachelor of Agricultural Science	China
BVM	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine	Armenia, China, Great Britain, Kenya, Taiwan, Zambia, Uganda, Libya, & Tanzania
BVM&AR	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resources	Saudi Arabia
BVMS	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery	Iraq, Great Britain (except Edinburgh), and Australia Murdoch University)
BVMSci	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine Science	Great Britain
BVM&S	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery	Edinburgh
BVSc	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	Australia (except Murdoch Univ.) Burma (Myanmar), Egypt, Great Britain, Japan, Republic of South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, China, India
BVSc&AH	Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry	India
CMV	Candidates Medicinae Veterinariae	Norway
D	Dierenarts	Netherlands
DCV	Doctor en Ciencias Veterinarias	Argentina
DEDV	Diplome d'Etat de Docteur Veterinaire	France

Drh	Dokter Hewan	Indonesia
DK	Diploma of Ktiniatrou	Greece
DMV	Docteur en Medecine Veterinaire	Belgium, Zaire, Tunisia
DMV	Dottore in Medicina Veterianria	Italy
DMV	Doctor en Medicina Veterinaria	Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay
DMV	Doctor Medic Veterina	Romania
DMV	Diplome Federal de Medecin Veterinaire	Switzerland
DV	Docteur Veterinaire	Morocco, Algeria
DVE	Docteur Veterinaire d'Etat	Senegal
DVM	Doktor Veterinarske Medicine	Slovenia, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Bangladesh, Canada, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, United States, West Indies, Trinidad, Tobago, Thailand, Hungary, Malaysia, Serbia & Montenegro [formerly Yugoslavia], Taiwan
DVMZ	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine & Zootechnics	Cuba
GV	Graduado en Veterinaria	Spain
IASV	Ingenieur Agricole Specialite Veterinaire	Cambodia
LMV	Licenciado em Medicina Veterinaria	Portugal, Mozambique
LV	Licenciado en Veterinaria	Spain
LV	Legitimerad Veterinaer	Sweden
LVM	Licentiate in Veterinary Medicine	Finland
LW	Lekarz Weterynarii	Poland
MV	Mjek Veteriner	Albania
MV	Medico Veterinario	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil
MVB	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine	Ireland
MVD	Medico Veterinario Zootecnista	Dominican Republic
MVDr	Doktor Veterinarstvi	Czech Republic [formerly Czechoslovakia]
MVZ	Medico Veterinario Zootecnista	Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico
SVM	Specialist Veterinarnej Medicini	Ukraine
T	Tieraerzt	Austria, Germany
V	Veterinario	Argentina, Brazil
V	Veterinaereksamen	Denmark
VE	Veterinary Engineer	Vietnam
VH	Veteriner Hekim	Turkey
VL	Veterinaren Lekar	Bulgaria

VMD	Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris	United States
VV	Veterinarnyi Vrac	USSR

II. Classification of colleges

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