

Working as a vet in the UK a guide for overseas vets



Two months free membership offer

Welcome

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) would like to offer a very warm welcome to all overseas vets starting or considering a career in the UK. We are here to help make your move into working life that little bit easier and ensure you quickly feel part of the UK veterinary profession.

What is the British Veterinary Association?

The BVA is the not-for-profit, national representative body for the veterinary profession with over 12,000 members. We work to support our members in their professional and personal lives by providing a number of services and benefits through our membership package. We also promote and support the interests of our members and help to represent the profession to the government and media.

The BVA's objectives

The BVA aims to:

- Provide services that are valued by members
- Represent the profession and be the first source of informed opinion on veterinary issues for government, veterinary surgeons, the media and the public in the UK
- Be a leading provider of veterinary information
- Support vets in all areas of the profession

Why become a member?

As a BVA member you can benefit by being part of a national association and receive tangible membership services and benefits that can help you in your professional and personal life.

We also offer great networking opportunities through events such as our annual Congress

and recent Graduate Support Scheme meetings, as well as our online discussion forums that will soon help you to feel a part of the UK veterinary community. With extra support for new graduates, through the BVA's Young Vet Network, membership of the BVA can help ease your transition to working life in the UK.

What's more, you can claim tax back on your BVA membership, saving you up to 40 per cent of the membership fee (see overleaf).

What is the difference between the RCVS and the BVA?

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

The RCVS is the statutory body set up to administer the Veterinary Surgeons Act and is responsible for the registration, education and discipline of the profession. A person must be a member of the RCVS before he/she can practise veterinary surgery and medicine in the UK.

BVA

The BVA is a professional organisation to which veterinarians belong on a voluntary basis. With over 12,000 members, the BVA has developed since it was founded in 1882 to become the acknowledged representative body of the British veterinary profession at home and overseas.

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Membership services and benefits

Some of the exclusive benefits available to our members:

Continuing professional development (CPD)

- 50% discount off selected Royal Veterinary College (RVC) CPD courses
- Free equine CPD
- Discounts on BVA Congress and BVA Seminars

Free publications

As a member you will receive two industry leading journals produced by the BVA as soon as you join.

- *The Veterinary Record* — journal containing news, comment, letters and clinical research papers on a wide range of veterinary topics. It also includes an extensive list of veterinary and veterinary-related jobs
- *In Practice* — a continuing educational journal, providing material for veterinary practitioners

Helping your move to the UK

Advice and information is available from the BVA on any veterinary-related issues including: preparing your CV; writing application letters; looking for a job; interview preparation; and communication skills with your client and colleagues; unlimited access to a 24-hour legal advice line on any professional or personal issue, including your contract of employment;

Useful guides

Guides to help your transition:

- *BVA new graduate guide* — a guide that offers over 120 pages of support and information to help with those first years outside university
- *BVA guide to contracts of employment*
- *BVA good practice guide to veterinary medicines*
- *BVA euthanasia guide*
- *BVA guide to partnerships in veterinary practice*

To see the full list of useful guides please visit the BVA website: www.bva.co.uk

FREE

Sign up now for a BVA membership and receive an **extra two months free**



Websites

The BVA provides members with exclusive access to a range of websites, including:

- www.bva.co.uk (includes members' discussion forum)
- www.bvpublications.com
- www.vetrecordjobs.com



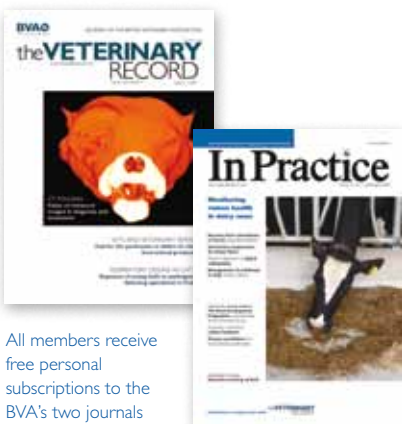
Mediation service

In 2010 the BVA will be launching a new and exclusive member-only mediation service. The service will assist individual members with contract negotiations, employment disputes or in other conflict resolution situations.

The Young Vet Network (YVN)

A support program for members up to eight years' qualified.

- Free personal accident insurance
- 30% discount off Improve International's one-day UK CPD courses
- 50% discount off selected RVC CPD courses
- Reduced membership rates
- A copy of the comprehensive *BVA new graduate guide*
- Membership of a secure online discussion forum
- Graduate representation on the BVA's Council



All members receive free personal subscriptions to the BVA's two journals



All YVN members receive a copy of the comprehensive *BVA new graduate guide*

BVA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (OVERSEAS VETS) 2009/10

Standard	£252	Eighth year after graduation	£228
Salary-linked (less than £15,000 pa)	£126	Joint (UK)	£348
First year after graduation	£144	Joint (Overseas)	£306
Second year after graduation	£156	Ireland / Overseas	£204
Third year after graduation	£168	Student (Full) [†]	£60
Fourth year after graduation	£180	Student (Basic) [†]	£30
Fifth year after graduation	£192	Postgraduate student	£126
Sixth year after graduation	£204	Associate member	£252
Seventh year after graduation	£216		

Please print and complete the relevant sections of this form and post it to:

Membership department, BVA, 7 Mansfield Street, London, W1G 9NQ.

If you would like further information then please call 020 7908 6350 or email membership@bva.co.uk

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name (inc. title): _____

Date of birth: _____ University: _____

Date of graduation/year of study: _____ Qualifications: _____

Correspondence address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Country of origin: _____ Have you previously been a BVA member? Yes No

Why are you joining the BVA? _____

Membership of the Association is open to all members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), to those on the Supplementary Veterinary Register, to students studying for a degree entitling them to membership of the RCVS and to holders of EU veterinary qualifications which would entitle the holder to membership of the RCVS under the terms of the EU Professional Directives. Any person who is not eligible for Any person who is not eligible for Membership of the Association under Article 9 but who holds such degree, diploma or relevant experience as the Council shall from time to time approve may, in the absolute discretion of the Council, be elected as an associate (hereinafter referred to as an 'Associate'), on payment of such subscription as shall be decided from time to time by the Association in General Meeting.

I would like to become a member/associate member of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and agree to abide by the rules as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association (copy available on request). I agree to pay my subscription on the due date, and if at any time I wish to resign from membership undertake to send my resignation to the Secretary before the renewal date of year in which I wish to resign.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Income Tax relief on membership subscriptions The annual BVA membership subscription is allowable as a deduction from emoluments assessable for Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 Section 344.

We occasionally provide members' details to companies screened by BVA. If you would **not** like your details to be given out please tick here:

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Credit / debit card

I wish to pay by Visa / Eurocard MasterCard / Maestro / Solo.

I authorise you to debit my account with the amount of: £ _____

Card number:

Start date (if present): Expiry date:

Issue no. (if present): Security code:

Cheque

I have enclosed a cheque (made payable to BVA) for the sum of £ _____

Direct Debit

I have completed the Direct Debit instruction below (UK bank accounts only).

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay Direct Debits



Name of bank or building society:

Address of branch:

Name(s) of account holder(s):

Branch sort code:

Account number:

BVA reference (membership number):

Payment frequency (please tick):

Monthly Quarterly Annually

Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay the British Veterinary Association Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with BVA and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature:

Date:

INCOME TAX RELIEF ON YOUR BVA MEMBERSHIP — SAVE UP TO 40 PER CENT

The BVA is recognised as an 'approved body' by the HM Revenue and Customs, which means that our annual membership subscription can be offset as an allowable taxable expense. A higher-rate tax payer will save 40 per cent on the BVA's membership subscription, and a basic-rate tax payer 20 per cent. [For more information, visit the **Become a member** area of the BVA's website, \[www.bva.co.uk\]\(http://www.bva.co.uk\)](#)