

## ASAB Accreditation FAQs

### 1. Academic requirements

#### **Do I need a University degree to become accredited as a CCAB?**

No, you don't!

ASAB Accreditation ask that you have achieved either a degree or equivalent qualification, so there are many different routes available to you.

For an explanation of qualification levels and equivalents see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>

If you would like us to review your academic achievements, please apply for a pre-certification review. This review will identify any 'gaps' in your theoretical knowledge and help to identify options for filling these e.g. some courses allow you to take individual modules to 'top up' your academic knowledge

#### **Can I become a CCAB if I don't achieve a 2.1 degree classification or equivalent?**

Yes, you can!

If you achieve a 2.1 or equivalent on a validated degree programme then pre-certification with ASAB Accreditation is automatic. However, if you achieve a lower degree classification/equivalent you will simply be asked to show evidence of an ability to show critical insight, for example you might be asked to write an essay reviewing the evidence for a particular treatment product/technique, complete a stand-alone validated module on that topic, or have a particular CPD event recommended to you.

#### **Does a qualification from overseas count?**

Yes, absolutely!

You can find more information about equivalent qualifications from overseas here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-degree-equivalency-table-and-methodology>

#### **How do I find out which courses are validated?**

Up to date information about validated courses is available on the ASAB website [<http://www.asab.org/ccab/>] and via the ASAB Accreditation Facebook page (in Handbook 2)

## 2. Supervised experience

### **How many Level 1/2 supervised cases do I need to submit with my application for CCAB?**

You need to submit a total of ten supervised cases at level 1 and ten supervised cases at level 2.

These must be signed off by the supervising CCAB as meeting the required standard. Only ten of these need to be 'live' cases (Level 2 cases).

### **Can some of these be video cases rather than 'live' cases?**

Yes, Level 1 cases can be video cases.

### **How many cases do I need to see in total?**

This will be highly individual and will depend upon your prior experience. We anticipate that someone new to clinical practice might need to see around 40 cases under guidance, in order to achieve the standard required for submission.

### **Do all of these have to be seen with a CCAB mentor?**

No!

The remainder of your clinical training can be undertaken with any clinician, but we recommend that you seek a CCAB mentor for at least some of these, as they will be more familiar with the requirements of accreditation. All of these cases should be outlined in your confidential logbook (see example 2.8 in Handbook 2).

### **Do my ten level 2 supervised cases need to cover the full list of required case categories?**

No!

The case types listed in Handbook 2 should all be seen *somewhere* in your submitted cases or confidential Logbook, but do not *all* need to be covered in your supervised cases submitted at Levels 1 and 2. Supervised cases submitted should cover a range of different presentations though!

### **How much does supervision cost?**

As all clinicians are independent of ASAB Accreditation, whose role is as a certification body, each individual sets their own fees. This may vary depending on several factors such as the experience of the clinician, whether it is a clinic setting, whether the cases are videos or live, whether it is held within a charitable organisation or with private client, the geographical area (which affects costs of everything) and so on. As a rough guideline, students should be expecting to pay between £40-£80 per case.

### **Is mentoring available for species other than cats and dogs e.g. horses, rabbits or parrots?**

Yes!

All ASAB certificated clinicians have the foundation knowledge to be able to appropriately supervise cases for any species, even if they are not consulting with that particular species.

### **Where can I find the forms that need to be completed for supervised cases?**

You can download the forms from here: <http://www.asab.org/ccab/>

### **How will I know whether my performance in the supervised case was satisfactory?**

The forms for both Level 1 and Level 2 supervision have a section at the end that your CCAB mentor will complete, stating whether or not you achieved the required standard. There are three options;

1. Candidate did not demonstrate competence in critical insight sufficient for Level 1 of clinical training: significant omissions
2. Candidate did not demonstrate competence in critical insight sufficient for Level 1 of clinical training: minor omissions
3. Candidate has demonstrated competence in critical insight sufficient for Level 1 of clinical training

You shouldn't expect every one of your supervised cases to be signed off as demonstrating competence, particularly if you are just starting out.

### **What should I do with forms for supervised cases that weren't signed off as competent?**

Although these won't count as your ten L1 or ten L2 supervised cases, you should still include them in your logbook as evidence of your progression through your clinical training.

### **Who will review my application?**

To avoid bias all applications are reviewed anonymously.

Assessments are always conducted by two reviewers and cannot be carried out by anyone who has mentored the applicant for 40% or more of their cases, acted as their academic tutor, or works for the same organisation/institution as the applicant.

All assessors used by ASAB Accreditation have undergone training in assessment.

### **How long will it take before I receive a decision?**

You will hear back from us within three months of submitting your application.

### **What happens if my application is unsuccessful?**

Any applications that are rejected by one or both reviewers are sent to the Committee for consideration. Anonymity is maintained during these discussions and the reviewers' concerns are presented to the Committee in order to confirm the final decision.

There are five possible outcomes;

1. Certification without further information
2. Certification on the condition that further information is provided to the Secretary, without further refereeing (normally to cover minor omissions or errors on the form)
3. Further information required, to be circulated to all referees before any decision is made on Certification
4. Certification should be provisional, dependent upon satisfying certain conditions within a specified time, in cases where there appear to be minor gaps between the published standards and an applicant's qualifications and/or experience
5. Unsuccessful (these will be brought to the full Committee for discussion)

### **If my application is unsuccessful can I apply again?**

Yes!

You will receive feedback on why your application was not successful and ASAB Accreditation will do everything we can to support you in developing your theoretical and practical abilities to help you to achieve your goal to become a Certificated Clinical Animal Behaviourist!