

**American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO)  
Annual Report, November 2013**

**Annual Credentialing Summary**

The ABVO currently has 31 approved residency programs supervising 62 residents. In 2013 the Credentials Committee received 37 applications, all of which were approved. Of 37 candidates taking the certification examination, 20 sat for all portions for the first time, and 17 were repeating one or more portions of the examination. Twenty three candidates (62.2%) passed all required portions of the ABVO Examination. Fourteen (70%) of 20 new candidates and 9 (53%) of 17 repeat candidates passed the examination. A comparison of exam performance between new and repeat candidates is summarized in the following table.

	Portion of the Exam	# Taking Exam	# Passing Exam	% Successful
New Candidates	Written	20	18	90
	Image Recognition	20	18	90
	Practical	20	15	75
Repeat Candidates	Written	11	8	73
	Image Recognition	8	6	75
	Practical	13	9	69

**ABVO Policies Changes in 2013**

Credentials Committee: The number of members of the Credentials Committee has been reduced from 7 to 4 reflecting the reduction in workload created by eliminating case reports.

Residency Committee: The Residency Committee and ABVO Board are considering requiring a minimum of 2 mentors per residency training program. The rationale for considering this proposal is that residents from single-mentor programs historically perform less well on the certifying examination than those with more than 1 mentor. This proposal will be discussed further at the spring, 2014 ABVO Board Meeting.

Exam Committee: The number of Exam Committee members has been increased to 11 to reflect the increasing number of candidates.

Appeals Procedure: A new appeals process has been developed. Appeals shall be handled by an “ad hoc” reviewing body appointed by the ABVO Board, and consist of 4 ACVO Diplomates and a public member. No ACVO Diplomate currently serving on the ABVO Board or an ABVO Committee may serve on the ad hoc reviewing body. A full description of the new appeals procedure can be found in the ABVO Policies & Procedures.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC): The ABVO will start its MOC program in 2015. The specific requirements for MOC are currently being finalized and expected to be announced in the fall of 2014.