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This document provides information on the admission requirements of the seven veterinary schools in the UK. It consists of a summary table that provides an overview of key facts, followed by more detailed information for each of the veterinary schools. If you do not find what you are looking for in the summary table, please refer to the more detailed information below. You are also advised to look at the website for each veterinary school, where you will find additional details about the courses they offer and their admissions processes.

Key Facts

	Bristol	Cambridge	Edinburgh	Glasgow	Liverpool	Nottingham	RVC (London)
GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades	A wide spread of subjects at good grades to include Chemistry, Biology, Physics (or Science and additional Science), Mathematics and English Language.	Grades A-C in Maths, English and a Foreign Language plus either Double Science or Biology, Chemistry and Physics	Good pass in Physics if not offered at Higher or A-Level.	Minimum Grade B in GCSE's or Grade 2 in Standard Grades in Sciences	Minimum of grade B in English, Maths, Science (single subjects including Physics, or double award)	D100: GCSE: 5 Grade As to include Biology, Chemistry and Physics or dual science (grade A at AS Physics can compensate for grade B at GCSE). Grade B in Maths and English. SCE Standard Grade: 5 Grade 1's to include Biology, Chemistry and Physics (grade A at Higher Level Physics can compensate for grade 2 at Standard Level).	Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade A including double science at grade A (or Biology and Chemistry at grade A if taken separately) and minimum grade B in English, Mathematics and Physics (if taken separately)

						Grade 2 in Maths and English. D104: GCSE: 5 Grade As. Grade B in Maths, English and Chemistry (or dual science). SCE Standard Grade: 5 Grade 1's. Grade 2 in Maths, English and Chemistry.	
BMAT required?	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects	3 A2 subjects required: must have Chemistry and Biology. The third can be any other academic subject. 4-5 Highers and 2 Advanced Highers (which must be Chemistry and Biology)	Must have three of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Maths at AS. Chemistry must be at A-level	3 A-Levels: Must have Chemistry, Biology and either Maths or Physics 5 Highers: Must have Chemistry and two of Biology, Maths, Physics, plus two other subjects 2 Advanced Highers: Two Sciences. Must have Chemistry and preferably	3 A-Levels in Chemistry and Biology and one other academic subject 5 Highers to include Chemistry, Biology and either Maths or Physics plus 2 Advanced Highers in Chemistry & Biology	3 A2 levels in two science related subjects one of which must be Biology plus one other academic subject (list available on request) One additional AS level in any subject. If Chemistry is not offered at A2 level it must be offered at AS.	D100: A Levels: Biology, Chemistry and any third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking SCE Advanced Highers: Biology, Chemistry and any third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.	Three A levels including Biology and Chemistry Five Scottish Highers including Biology, Chemistry and Physics and two Advanced Highers in Biology and Chemistry

			Biology.		3 Advanced Highers to include two sciences, one of which must be Biology, and one other academic subject or 2 Advanced Highers, one of which must be Biology and an additional (new) Higher subject	D104: A Levels: 3 A Levels in any subject, which may include, at most, only one of Chemistry and Biology. Only one of Further Maths and Maths will be included. General Studies and Critical Thinking are excluded. AS levels are not to include both Biology and Chemistry. SCE Advanced Highers: 3 Advanced Higher subjects, which may include, at most, only one of Chemistry and Biology. Only one of Further Maths and Maths will be included. General Studies and Critical Thinking are	
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						excluded. Highers are not to include both Biology and Chemistry.	
'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades	AAB at A2 Scottish Highers AAAAB-AAABB Advanced highers AA-AB	Three A-grades at A-level	A-Levels: Three A levels at AAB in Chemistry (at A grade), Biology and either Maths or Physics required at one sitting. If offering four sciences: Four A levels at AB BB in Chemistry (at A grade), Biology, Maths and Physics required at one sitting. Highers: AAABB to include Chemistry and two of Biology, Maths, Physics. Chemistry and one other science subject at A pass. Advanced Highers: Chemistry and one other science	A-Level – AAB with Chemistry at grade A Highers – AAABB with Chemistry at grade A plus BB in Advanced Highers	A Levels: AAB, any subject (see above) Additional AS level: Grade B or above Advanced Highers/Highers: AAB, any subject (see above)	D100: A Levels: Grades AAB, grade A in both Biology and Chemistry, grade B in a third subject excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking. SCE Advanced Highers: Grades AAB in Advanced Highers, grade A in both Biology and Chemistry, grade B in a third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking. D104: A Levels: Grades AAB (see above for restrictions on subjects) SCE Advanced	A levels – AAA/AAB Scottish Highers – AAAAB & Advanced Highers – AA/AB

			subject at BB grades.			Highers: Grades AAB (see above for restrictions on subjects)	
Accept 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?	YES, but only as the third subject in addition to Chemistry and Biology	YES, but must fulfil the requirements described above	NO (although SQA Higher students can offer two non science subjects in addition to the required three sciences)	YES – but must be in addition to Chemistry and Biology	YES	YES	YES
Accept qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 6 of table below for further details)
Alternative routes into the veterinary degree for those without the correct subjects or grades?	YES (see section 7 of table below for further details)	NO	Graduate Entry	NO	YES Gateway programme at Royal Veterinary College (London)	YES (see section 7 of table below for further details)	YES (see section 7 of table below for further details)
Exemptions from full course e.g. for those	YES (see section 8 of table below for	YES (see section 8 of table below for	YES (see section 8 of table below for	YES (see section 8 of table below for	YES (see section 8 of table below for	NO	YES (see section 8 of table below for

with science degrees?	further information)	further information)	further information)	further information)	further information)		further information)
Minimum number of weeks work experience	No formal minimum but students have at least 4 weeks veterinary practice experience plus at least a week dairy and a week lambing (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	No formal minimum specified (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	Do not specify the amount as it depends on the candidate's individual circumstance, but experience should be as much and as varied as possible (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	Minimum of 2 weeks in a veterinary practice and some large animal experience (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	10 weeks (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	6 weeks for D100 and D104; 2 weeks for Lincoln Certificate (see sections 9 and 10 of table below for further information)	One week in a veterinary practice and one week in a different animal environment
Are all candidates interviewed?	No. We select approximately 550 for interview.	Almost all home applicants will be called for interview. Some Colleges may deselect applicants with low AS and BMAT results.	NO: although all Government funded applicants are interviewed	NO: we select approximately 220 for interview	No, only those that pass the initial stages of our admissions process, approximately 500 candidates.	NO: only those that pass the initial stages of our admissions process. All offers are subject to interview.	NO: only if they satisfy all criteria

The following section provides more detailed information on requirements of each veterinary school. If you cannot find the information you need here, please refer to the websites of the veterinary schools.

University of Bristol		
Section A: Qualification requirements		
1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A wide spread of subjects at good grades to include Chemistry, Biology, Physics (or Science and additional Science), Mathematics and English Language.. We do not specify further as we allow a degree of flexibility depending on higher-level subjects and grades. 		
2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 		
3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three A2 subjects are required; Chemistry and Biology are compulsory, the third can be any other academic subject. We take Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers into account, looking for 4-5 Highers and 2 Advanced Highers (which must be Chemistry and Biology) 		
4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At A2 we ask for AAB Scottish Highers AAAAB-AAABB: Advanced Highers AA-AB 		
5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES but only as the third subject in addition to Chemistry and Biology 		
6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YES 		
If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve		
Qualification		Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate	YES	35 with 6,6,6 in the higher level subjects which must include Chemistry and Biology.
BTEC National Diplomas	YES	3 distinctions required in Animal

If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	Science / Management but only if Chemistry A2 is offered as well at grade A or B.
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications YES	Only in combination with Chemistry A2 at grade A or B.
Irish Leaving Certificate YES	AAAABB including Chemistry and Biology
HND/HNC NO If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	
Degrees YES If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	Any subject as long as the student can demonstrate a good knowledge of Chemistry and Biology. If the degree subject is non-scientific, we would expect A2 in Chemistry and Biology as well.
Access Courses NO If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	
Other (please specify)	
European Bacculaureate	80% including high scores in Chemistry and Biology
Welsh Bacculaureate	Advanced Diploma and AA in Chemistry and Biology at A2
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The University of Bristol runs a Year 0 (Pre-Vet Year) with 5 places available for students with Access to Science/Medicine (70% or Distinction), BTEC in Animal Science/Management (DDD), mature students undertaking a career change, and students with non-science A levels/qualifications. The year covers chemistry, physics and anatomical sciences, and a choice of either physics or life processes (biochemistry/physiology) to bring the students up to the level required. Success in the year allows the students to progress directly onto the 5 year vet programme. 	

8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)

- Students are asked to provide a transcript of their degree course and marks. Based on this, Unit Organisers may allowed exemption from subjects in Years One and Two of the programme which include Biochemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology, Parasitology and Animal Management.

Section B: Work experience requirements

9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?

- We look for a spread of work experience covering veterinary practice and other animal areas. Whilst there is no formal minimum requirement, our students have at least 4 weeks vet practice experience and we would hope at least a week dairy and a week lambing.

10) Which types of work experience are most important?

Small animal practice ✓

Large animal practice

Farm experience ✓

Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables

Boarding cattery or kennels

Rescue centre

Food processing operations

Laboratory

Zoo/wildlife park

- Only two are ticked because these are the MOST IMPORTANT. However, we would not look favourably on someone with only these work experiences. We would expect a few of the others at least, although in no particular order of preference. We tend to look at the overall "package" and where in the country the student lives and therefore what he/she has easy access to.

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- We like to see the person as a whole and therefore we are interested in what else they do in terms of hobbies, charity work, relaxation, etc. Evidence of teamwork is good since such a large proportion of the time is now spent studying in groups at Vet School. Similarly, evidence of good communication skills is useful.

12) Guidance on applicant age

- We have no upper or lower age limit.

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- NO

The selection process is as follows:

- All UCAS forms are considered independently by two members of the admissions team. All applications are considered on an equal basis. Forms are not segregated by the type of educational institution attended. Forms are initially read by the Chair of Admissions and a *pro-forma* is completed for each student detailing personal information, the number of GCSEs at A/A* and predicted or achieved A2 grades. In addition, the Chair ranks the student from poor to outstanding in terms of the following:
 - Interest in veterinary science
 - Knowledge of the scope of careers in veterinary science
 - Interests outside veterinary science
 - School/college activities
 - Evidence of initiative
 - Non-academic achievements.
- Finally, the Chair makes a judgment as to whether the application has been:
 - 1. Unsuccessful
 - 2. Successful - possibly interview
 - 3. Successful - definitely interview
- All UCAS forms and *pro-formas* are then read independently by a second member of the Admissions Committee and the final decision is made. Some students may be interviewed soon after selection, but others will be held for possible interview, dependent upon numbers of applicants and places available. All students are informed of the Admissions Committee's decision in writing. The aim is to respond to all candidates within 4 weeks of receipt of application, in order to establish contact and inform the candidate of the process to be followed.
- In the 2008/09 year we received just over 1300 applications and interviewed approximately 500. Six days of interviews are held from November through to February. All applicants are assessed by two individuals (at least one of whom will have been trained in fair and effective recruitment techniques), and we increasingly utilise the help of local practitioners, particularly female practitioners, to help balance the gender mix of the interviewing teams. Normally five teams operate simultaneously, each seeing approximately 20 candidates in a day, using 20-minute interview slots. All candidates (and their parents if present) are given a talk by the Chair of Admissions and a guided tour of the Langford site (the veterinary field station of the Department of Clinical Veterinary Science). Each team of interviewers is asked to place the applicants within one of three categories:
 - 1. Exceptional
 - 2. Acceptable
 - 3. Unacceptable
- The acceptable group are further broken down by order of merit (1 to 10). After each day of interviewing, offers are made within 48 hours to all exceptional candidates, plus a variable number of applicants who ranked between 1 and 3 in the acceptable group.

University of Cambridge

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

- Grades A-C in Maths, English and a Foreign Language plus either Double Science or Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- YES

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

- Must have three of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Maths at AS. Chemistry must be at A-level

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

- Three A-grades at A-level. One may be A*. Check with individual colleges for particular preferences. (See pages 91 and 108 of the 2010 entry Undergraduate prospectus.)

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- YES (note that this is contingent on fulfilling the requirements of 3)

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate YES	Offers range from 7,6,6 to 7,7,7 in Higher Levels with points total between 38 and 42 out of 45
BTEC National Diplomas NO If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications NO	
Irish Leaving Certificate YES	AAAAA to AAABB

HND/HNC If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	NO	
Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	Science subject 2.1 or above
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	NO	
Other (please specify) "Cambridge Special Access Scheme"		For disadvantaged applicants - see Undergraduate Prospectus
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades? N/A		
8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption from year 3 so course is five years rather than usual six total 		
Section B: Work experience requirements		
9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None specified <p>If a minimum is not specified, what is the school looking for from a candidate's work experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest/insight into the scientific principles that underlie health and disease in animals 		
10) Which types of work experience are most important? Small animal practice Large animal practice Farm experience Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables Boarding cattery or kennels Rescue centre Food processing operations Laboratory Zoo/wildlife park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific requirements - we look for quality rather than quantity 		

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- There is no stereotype. The primary bases for selection are academic ability and interest in science

12) Guidance on applicant age

- None

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- Almost all home applicants will be called for interview. Some Colleges may deselect applicants with low AS and BMAT results.

The selection process is as follows:

- Usually one or two half-hour interviews held in the 25 Cambridge Colleges that offer places for Veterinary Medicine. At least one clinician will be present at least one of these. Candidates are ranked according to GCSE scores (adjusted according to school type), AS module scores, and BMAT scores for papers 1 and 2. However the ranking score is a guide only. There is a process of moderation between the Colleges to ensure a fair distribution of places and all factors are taken into account when proposing offers and at the moderation meeting.

University of Edinburgh

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

- Good pass in Physics if not offered at Higher or A-Level.

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- NO

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

- 3 A-Levels: Must have Chemistry, Biology and either Maths or Physics
- 5 Highers: Must have Chemistry and two of Biology, Maths, Physics, plus two other subjects
- 2 Advanced Highers: Two Sciences. Must have Chemistry and preferably Biology.

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

- A-Levels: Three A levels at AAB in Chemistry (at A grade), Biology and either Maths or Physics required at one sitting. If offering four sciences: Four A levels at ABBB in Chemistry (at A grade), Biology, Maths and Physics required at one sitting.
- Highers: AAABB to include Chemistry and two of Biology, Maths, Physics. Chemistry and one other science subject at A pass.
- Advanced Highers: Chemistry and one other science subject at BB grades.

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- NO (although SQA Higher students can offer two non science subjects in addition to the required three sciences)

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate	YES 36 points. Included in the

		subjects presented at Higher level must be Chemistry, Biology and Maths or Physics. Grades of 666 are required in all science subjects. Where Higher level Maths or Physics is not possible, another subject at Higher level may be accepted plus 6 at Standard Level Maths or Physics, subject to approval.
BTEC National Diplomas If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	NO	
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications	YES	Yes, if also have appropriate School science qualifications
Irish Leaving Certificate	YES	Higher passes in the Irish Leaving Certificate in five subjects with grades of 'A' in Chemistry, 'AA' from Biology and Physics or Maths and two 'B' grades in two other major subjects at the one sitting and at the first attempt.
HND/HNC If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	NO	
Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	2.1 in an appropriate Biological Sciences Honours Degree for 4 year Graduate Entry Programme. Other or Non Science Honours degrees eligible for 5 Year Programme providing students have high grades in Science A-Levels (or equivalent) in Chemistry and Biology.
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	NO	
Other (please specify)		
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate entry. 		
8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates with an Honours Degree (minimum 2.1) in an appropriate Biological Sciences subject may be eligible for the 4 year Graduate Entry Programme 		

Section B: Work experience requirements

9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?

- We do not specify the amount as it depends on the candidate's individual circumstance.

If a minimum is not specified, what is the school looking for from a candidate's work experience

- As much and as varied as possible which should include:
 - seeing veterinary practice, both large and small animal if possible.
 - spending time on livestock farms (dairying and lambing are particularly useful).
 - other animal establishments, for example, zoos, kennels, catteries, wildlife centres, pig farms, poultry farms & stables.
 - A day at an abattoir is recommended but not demanded.
 - Experience gained in veterinary or medical laboratories is also encouraged to help candidates to appreciate the scientific basis of veterinary medicine.
- The amount of experience cannot be quantified in terms of days or weeks as it depends, to some extent, on the opportunities available to individual candidates. Obviously the broader the experience the better but applicants are reminded that experience should not be gained to the detriment of their academic studies.

10) Which types of work experience are most important?

Small animal practice
Large animal practice
Farm experience
Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables
Boarding cattery or kennels
Rescue centre
Food processing operations
Laboratory
Zoo/wildlife park

- All useful. See above for guidelines.

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- The School assesses both academic and personal qualities and the candidate's work experience, including career exploration, motivation, extra-curricular pursuits, communication skills and an understanding of the animal and veterinary world. The School is looking for well-rounded individuals. Top candidates are short listed for interview. References from work experience are considered.

12) Guidance on applicant age

- No age restrictions (upper or lower) at the University of Edinburgh

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed? NO

- All Government funded applicants are interviewed.

The selection process is as follows:

- The UCAS forms of school leavers about to sit their exams and with predicted grades are assessed, evaluating both academic and personal qualities and the candidate's work experience. Top candidates are short listed for interview. References from work experience are considered. Offers are made after interview.
- Non Government funded applicants are assessed on their entire application and supporting material and are not formally interviewed. Candidates are assessed on their predicted or achieved grades, their personal statement (including non-academic attributes, career exploration, motivation and references) and their work experience and may be made a conditional or unconditional offer.

University of Glasgow

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

- Minimum Grade B in GCSE's or Grade 2 in Standard Grades in Sciences

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- NO

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

- 3 A-Levels in Chemistry and Biology and one other academic subject
- 5 Highers to include Chemistry, Biology and either Maths or Physics plus 2 Advanced Highers in Chemistry & Biology

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

- A-Level – AAB with Chemistry at grade A
- Highers – AAABB with Chemistry at grade A plus BB in Advanced Highers

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- YES – but must be in addition to Chemistry and Biology

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate YES	Overall score of 36 with Chemistry and Biology at HL 6 and either Maths/Physics at SL 5
BTEC National Diplomas NO If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications NO	Unless hold full honours degree with a minimum of a 2:1
Irish Leaving Certificate YES	Grades AAABB - Must include Chemistry & Biology at grade A and either Maths/Physics at B

HND/HNC If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	NO	
Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	2:1 Honours degree in a science based subject
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	NO	Not at the present time but currently under review
Other (please specify)		
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?		
N/A		
8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited number of places for Direct Entry into 2nd Year for Graduate applicants but not guaranteed as number of available places differs from year to year. 		
Section B: Work experience requirements		
9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2 weeks in a veterinary practice and some large animal experience. <p>If a minimum is not specified, what is the school looking for from a candidate's work experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work experience is judged against opportunities available but must include some veterinary experience 		
10) Which types of work experience are most important?		
Small animal practice -√ Large animal practice -√ Farm experience - √ Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables - Boarding cattery or kennels Rescue centre Food processing operations Laboratory Zoo/wildlife park		

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- Good communication skills
- Enthusiasm
- Knowledge of the profession
- Good observation skills

12) Guidance on applicant age

- No Upper age limit
- We do not admit Scottish students from 5th Year or A-Level students from Year 11

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- NO – we select approximately 220 for interview

The selection process is as follows:

- On receipt of application forms, courses of study and qualifications are verified. Applicants with unsatisfactory subject combinations, poor examination results and/or poor predictions in pending examinations are rejected. The remaining applications are scrutinised by members of the Admissions Committee and approximately 220 are called for interview.

University of Liverpool

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

- Minimum of grade B in English, Maths, Science (single subjects including Physics, or double award)

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- NO

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

- 3 A2 levels in two science related subjects one of which must be Biology plus one other academic subject (list available on request)
- One additional AS level in any subject. If Chemistry is not offered at A2 level it must be offered at AS level.
- 3 Advanced Highers to include two sciences, one of which must be Biology, and one other academic subject or 2 Advanced Highers, one of which must be Biology and an additional (new) Higher subject

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

- A Levels: AAB, any subject (see above)
- Additional AS level: Grade B or above
- Advanced Highers/Highers: AAB, any subject (see above)

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- YES

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate YES	Minimum score 36. Must include 3 subjects at Higher level including Chemistry and Biology, with scores of 6 or 7

BTEC National Diplomas If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered Animal Science/Animal Care/Animal Management	YES	DDD plus one AS level in a science subject, minimum grade B
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications	NO	Unless hold full honours degree with a minimum of 2.1
Irish Leaving Certificate	YES	AAAABB at higher level, including Biology, Chemistry and either Maths or Physics
HND/HNC If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	Animal Science or Animal Management
Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	Animal Science or similar, at least a 2.1
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	YES	Only pre-approved courses for Access
Other (please specify)		
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway programme at Royal Veterinary College (London) 		
8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 in 1 option for some graduates of appropriate science degree courses 		
Section B: Work experience requirements		
9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 weeks 		
10) Which types of work experience are most important?		
Small animal practice ✓ Large animal practice ✓ Farm experience ✓ Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables ✓ Boarding cattery or kennels OR Rescue centre ✓ Food processing operations Laboratory ✓ (D101 only) Zoo/wildlife park		

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- Good communication skills
- Awareness of current issues in animal welfare
- Realistic view of the profession and the realities of life in practice

12) Guidance on applicant age

- No upper age limit

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- NO, only those that have passed the initial stages of our selection process.

The selection process is as follows:

- Multiple mini interview format. Candidates go through 9 stations of 5 minutes each (7 interview stations plus two rest stations)

University of Nottingham

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

D100 – 5 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

- GCSE: 5 Grade As to include Biology, Chemistry and Physics or dual science (grade A at AS Physics can compensate for grade B at GCSE). Grade B in Maths and English.
- SCE Standard Grade: 5 Grade 1's to include Biology, Chemistry and Physics (grade A at Higher Level Physics can compensate for grade 2 at Standard Level). Grade 2 in Maths and English.

D104 – 6 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (for high achieving students with non science backgrounds, vocational qualifications or extensive experience)

- GCSE: 5 Grade As. Grade B in Maths, English and Chemistry (or dual science).
- SCE Standard Grade: 5 Grade 1's. Grade 2 in Maths, English and Chemistry.

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- NO

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

D100 – 5 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

- A Levels: Biology, Chemistry and any third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.
- SCE Advanced Highers: Biology, Chemistry and any third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.

D104 – 6 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (for high achieving students with non science backgrounds, vocational qualifications or extensive experience)

- A Levels: 3 A Levels in any subject, which may include, at most, only one of Chemistry and Biology. Only one of Further Maths and Maths will be included. General Studies and Critical Thinking are excluded. AS levels are not to include both Biology and Chemistry.
- SCE Advanced Highers: 3 Advanced Higher subjects, which may include, at most, only one of Chemistry and Biology. Only one of Further Maths and Maths will be included. General Studies and Critical Thinking are excluded. Highers are not to include both Biology and Chemistry.

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

D100 – 5 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

- A Levels: Grades AAB, grade A in both Biology and Chemistry, grade B in a third subject excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking
- SCE Advanced Highers: Grades AAB in Advanced Highers, grade A in both Biology and Chemistry, grade B in a third subject, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.

D104 – 6 year course, Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (for high achieving students with non science backgrounds, vocational qualifications or extensive experience)

- A Levels: Grades AAB (see above for restrictions on subjects)
- SCE Advanced Highers: Grades AAB (see above for restrictions on subjects)

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- YES

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate YES	D100 36 points total, 6 and 7 in Chemistry and Biology (either) at Higher Level D104 36 points total, 6 and 7 in 2 subjects at Higher Level, plus supporting level 2 qualifications. IB must not include both Biology and Chemistry.
BTEC National Diplomas YES If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	D104 only – subjects reviewed on an individual basis – DDD required plus supporting level 2 qualifications
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications YES	D104 only - plus supporting level 2 qualifications
Irish Leaving Certificate YES	D100 – Six subjects in ILC, 5 A grades including Biology and Chemistry (plus level 2 qualifications). D104 – Six subjects at ILC, 5 A grades, which may include only one of Biology and Chemistry (plus level 2 qualifications)
HND/HNC YES If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	D104 only – subjects reviewed on an individual basis, distinction required plus supporting level 2 and 3 qualifications

Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	D100 - at least a 2.1 degree in a science based subject plus grade B in both chemistry and Biology at A level D104 - at least a 2.1 in any subject except biology, chemistry or animal-related degrees plus required level 2 and 3 qualifications
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	YES	Courses reviewed on an individual basis, normally required level 2 qualifications needed. Normally 70% overall or 60 credits overall with at least 45 credits at level 3 depending on assessment criteria.
Other (please specify)		Other qualifications are considered on a case-by-case basis.
<p>7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D104 course for high achieving students with non science backgrounds, vocational qualifications or extensive experience • Certificate in Veterinary Science (in conjunction with University of Lincoln): students need to demonstrate disadvantaging circumstances (educational background, financial constraints, first in family etc). Admissions requirements are grade C or above in Maths, English and Double Science Award (or single Science subjects) at GCSE and CCC at A level (including Biology and Chemistry, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking) 		
<p>8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
Section B: Work experience requirements		
<p>9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 weeks for D100 and D104; 2 weeks for Lincoln Certificate 		
<p>10) Which types of work experience are most important?</p> <p>Small animal practice Large animal practice Farm experience Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables Boarding cattery or kennels Rescue centre Food processing operations Laboratory</p>		

Zoo/wildlife park

- All equally valid and would be dependant on individuals location and personal circumstances although we would normally expect some experience at a vet practice to be included in the 6 weeks.

Section C: Other attributes

11) What other personal attributes are expected, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession?

- Applicants will need good communication skills – (listening, writing and speaking) and motor skills such as good hand-eye co-ordination, dexterity and precision of motor skills. We will expect that applicants have gained some animal-focussed work experience. Students would be expected to have an understanding of the positive and negative aspects of a veterinary career and have an awareness of current important issues and developments in veterinary medicine and science.
- It is important that students possess a number of personal attitudes and attributes that are needed to both be successful on the course and in a veterinary career including a caring ethos (compassion, tolerance, patience, empathy) and a sense of social responsibility. Applicants should be able to cope with change and uncertainty and to overcome challenges whilst understanding their own limitations. We expect applicants to possess self-motivation, self-confidence, self-reliance and initiative. Applicants should be able to show that they have the ability to work independently and as part of a team, integrate, co-operate and be flexible. Good personal organisational skills and time management skills are also a must.
- We look for well-rounded applicants, although academic qualifications and work experience are important we also look for appropriate personal and practical skills.

12) Guidance on applicant age

- There is no upper age limit; we would encourage an application from the prospective student. We have a good mix of mature, graduate and school leavers currently on the course.

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- NO – only those that pass the initial stages of our admissions process. All offers are subject to interview.

The selection process is as follows:

Nottingham has a four-phase selection procedure, summarised below.

Phase I – Further Information Collection

Following receipt of the UCAS form, applicants are requested to complete an on-line questionnaire in order to supply further information on :

- Communication and motor skills
- Personal attitudes and attributes
- An insight into veterinary career (an appropriate and realistic view of the role of a veterinary surgeon)
- Sound reasons for wanting to study Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

In addition candidates are required to disclose any interim marks such as AS grades or degree module marks.

Applicants for the 6-Year course (D104) will also be requested to provide a separate veterinary-specific Personal Statement (in less than 4,000 characters, including spaces), to be sent directly to the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science.

Phase 2 – Academic Review

The aim is to look for and score academic attributes we consider to be necessary for a veterinary career. At this stage, in addition to academic attainment the application is reviewed to ensure that the applicant has gained at least six weeks' experience of working with animals.

Phase 3 – Non Academic Personal Qualities Review

Personal and Referees Statements on the UCAS form (and the supplementary Personal Statement for D104 applicants) and the Phase I further information provided by applicants on-line are assessed to determine personal attitudes and attributes, personality and communication skills that we consider to be important in a veterinary career.

A shortlist of candidates for interview is drawn up. Selection for interview will be on the basis of those candidates with the overall best profile of attributes from:

- Academic ability
- UCAS statements
- Further Information

Phase 4 – Interview, Practical And Team Working Assessment

Applicants selected for interview undergo:

- 20-minute interview focussing on the depth of motivation, insight into a veterinary career, interest in veterinary topics, academic ability, communication skills, animal orientation, personal attitudes and attributes and fitness to practice as a veterinary surgeon
- 20-minute practical aptitude assessment which investigates enthusiasm and aptitude including observational and analytical skills and animal-orientation
- 20-minute team assessment, assessing the individuals' ability to work with a peer group

Royal Veterinary College (London)

Section A: Qualification requirements

1) GCSE/SCE Standard Grade subjects and grades required. You must have the following subjects and grades:

- minimum 5 GCSEs at grade A including double science at grade A (or Biology and Chemistry at grade A if taken separately) and minimum grade B in English, Mathematics and Physics (if taken separately)

2) Is the Biomedical Admission Test (BMAT) required?

- YES

3) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects required. You must have the following subjects:

- Three A levels including Biology and Chemistry
- Five Scottish Highers including Biology, Chemistry and Physics and two Advanced Highers in Biology and Chemistry

4) 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade grades required. You must have the following grades:

- A levels – AAA/AAB
- Scottish Highers – AAAAB & Advanced Highers – AA/AB

5) Are applicants accepted with 'A' Level/SCE Higher Grade subjects other than sciences?

- YES

6) Are applicants accepted with qualifications other than, or in combination with 'A' Levels/SCE Higher Grades?

- YES

If Yes, please indicate below which qualifications are accepted, and the grades/results applicants must achieve

Qualification	Grade/Result Required
International Baccalaureate YES	766 at HL including Biology and Chemistry
BTEC National Diplomas YES If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	Animal Management with DDD overall.
Veterinary Nursing Qualifications YES	A degree in Veterinary Nursing provided other criteria were satisfied

Irish Leaving Certificate	YES	AAAABB at Higher/Honours level plus Physics grade B at Ordinary/Standard level
HND/HNC If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	No	This is currently under review
Degrees If Yes, specify which subjects would be considered	YES	Students with Biological Science related degrees may be considered for the four year accelerated programme
Access Courses If Yes, please specify which courses would be considered	YES	Diplomas must be Science based and include a minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in Biology, and 15 Level 3 credits in Chemistry. You must have Distinctions in all Biology and Chemistry modules taken.
Other (please specify)		International qualifications are considered on an individual basis Birkbeck Certificate Foundation Year in Sciences and subjects allied to medicine provided Biology and Chemistry courses are completed plus a third course from either Physics, Maths or Further Maths
7) Are there any alternative routes into the veterinary degree if I don't have the correct subjects or grades?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Gateway course is a widening participation programme for students attending non-selective state schools that receive or are eligible to receive Education Maintenance Allowance and whose parents have not attended a Higher Education Institution. Subject requirements are the same as the BvetMed (see Section A above) but A level grades required are CCC 		
8) Exemptions that are offered from the full course (e.g. for applicants who already hold a science degree)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We offer a four year accelerated programme 		
Section B: Work experience requirements		
9) What is the minimum number of weeks of work experience that I must have?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One week in a veterinary practice and one week in a different animal environment 		

10) Which types of work experience are most important?

- No preference is given if students satisfy our minimum work experience requirements

Small animal practice

Large animal practice

Farm experience

Experience with horses e.g. at a riding stables

Boarding cattery or kennels

Rescue centre

Food processing operations

Laboratory

Zoo/wildlife park

Section C: Other attributes

11) Please briefly describe what other personal attributes you are looking for in applicants, other than academic ability and a commitment to working in the veterinary profession

- Evidence of Scientific understanding
- Breadth of interests
- Good communication skills
- Awareness of ethical and production issues

12) Guidance on applicant age

- We have no age limit

Section D: Selection procedures

13) Are all candidates interviewed?

- NO only if they satisfy all criteria

The selection process is as follows:

- Initial scrutiny of applications to deselect those who do not satisfy the entry criteria
- Interviews held in November, December, February and March
- Decisions made by end of March taking into account interview scores and BMAT scores