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Dear Veterinary Student,

Re: Temporary changes to EMS regulations, to support veterinary students during the COVID-19 pandemic

I am writing to update you on the recent review that has been carried out on the temporary EMS Policy, as promised. RCVS Council has decided that no further amendments will be made at this time, however we will be again reviewing the situation in April.

The decision has not been taken lightly, as we are very aware that opportunities for EMS placements are more limited at this time. However, a further reduction in the number of weeks of EMS required for some were made very recently in November, and the latest data provided to us by vet schools indicates that some placements have been able to take place over the Christmas period, and many students are on target to complete the new, reduced requirement.

A further review will take place in April, it is hoped that by this time it will be clearer whether more placements may become available, or not, leading up to and during the Easter period. If you are concerned that you are unable to find any placements and will not be able to meet the reduced requirement of EMS, please do ask your school for support

I hope you are keeping well, and I will be in touch again in April,



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President, RCVS

