



Changes Coming to the AIMVT Application Process for 2024

Hopefully to make the application process a bit less onerous and the review process more objective!

Part 1:

[Link to 2024 part 1 application instructions packet](#)

Unchanged:

Applicants are still required to provide:

- Proof of credentialing
- Professional history
- Detailed list of continuing education completed within the last five years.

New:

This year we are introducing [AIMVT universal advanced skills](#). These are skills that Credentialed Veterinary Technicians (CrVTs) who have been working in their specialty for the minimum of three years must master prior to applying for their VTS. Mastery of these skills must be attested to in part 1 of the application. 50% of these skills must be cited in applicants' Case Logs submitted in part 2.

This change is part of our ongoing effort to improve the application process for applicants, which includes big changes to [Case Log reporting](#) and a further, new breakdown of the [specialty specific advanced skills](#).

If applicants pass part 1 of the application, they will be assigned an applicant number for part 2 of the application to enable anonymous review of part 2 materials.

Part 2:

2024 part 2 application instructions packet will be published soon.

The major changes in part 2 include a new breakdown of the advanced skills and a new format for Case Log reporting. Applicants will still be required to submit three exam questions, assessing for advanced knowledge within their specialty, and the Academy will still require four in-depth Case Reports.

Case Logs

Applicants will no longer be required to write up cases in their Case Logs. The Logs will be a census of patients applicants have treated in the application year, including checklists of advanced skills they've performed or assisted with.

Advanced Skills

Each specialty will have their advanced skills list broken into fundamental and essential advanced skills. The division of skills was determined based on survey responses from AIMVT members.

Fundamental skills

These are specialty specific skills that CrVTs applying for their VTS in the IM specialties should have mastered by the time they apply for their VTS. Applicants who master these skills are expected to be knowledgeable about the equipment necessary, potential adverse effects, contraindications, and indications for these skills. Applicants must master a minimum of 75% of these skills and must cite a minimum of 50% of the mastered skills in their Case Logs.

Essential skills

These are specialty specific skills that have been identified by VTS members of AIMVT as essential for any VTS of their specialty to either have mastered or to be knowledgeable about / familiar with including how these skills are performed, the equipment necessary, potential adverse effects, and risks vs. benefits. Applicants must provide full descriptions or other write-ups or materials as indicated for 100% of these skills; applicants must master a minimum of 75% of these skills and cite a minimum of 50% of the mastered skills in their Case Logs.

Further information on the fundamental and essential skills for each specialty, along with the scoring criteria that will be used to evaluate the essential skills write-ups, will be available soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at Applications@AIMVT.com.