



ECVN Diploma Examination 2026 3-4th February

The ECVN diploma examination in 2026 will be held at two sites.

**Residents trained in continental Europe will be examined at the
School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bologna.**

**Residents trained in the United Kingdom will be examined at the
School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham.**

**If you are non-EU and non-UK resident, please contact the chair of the examination
committee to state which of the exam sites you would prefer.**

Location BOLOGNA:

School of Veterinary Medicine – University of Bologna, Ozzano Emilia (Bologna), Italy
Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche Veterinarie
Alma mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna
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Website: <http://www.scienzemedicheveterinarie.unibo.it/it>

Candidates meet at 9.30 am on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at the reception of the Phi Hotel Emilia. Members of the examination committee will walk the candidates to the Vet School and show them where the examination room is located and go through technical procedures. Please let the examination committee know if you are coming to the Vet school directly and do not want to meet at the Phi Hotel Emilia.

The examination committee members will meet the candidates and introduce themselves at 10:00 am on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 in the examination room. The chairperson of the Examination Committee will provide all the information regarding the logistic and procedural details of the exam and will answer questions from the candidates.

Candidates sitting only part/s of the examination can come to the Veterinary School at the relevant time, as outlined in the examination schedule below. These candidates are strongly recommended to inform the chair of the EU examination committee (Shenja Loderstedt) on the date and hour of their arrival in order to facilitate their welcome.

The Vet School has a cafeteria where you can buy food. The organisation is providing water, please bring your own refillable water bottles.

For further logistic information please contact:

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LOGISTIC INFORMATION and MAP HOTEL

PHI HOTEL EMILIA: via dei Billi, 2/a, 40064 Ozzano Emilia (BO), Italy - +39 051 7991163

<http://www.phihotelemiliaozzanodellemilia.com/index.htm>

Phi Hotel Emilia is a 4 star Hotel very close to the Veterinary School.

For the reservation, please write directly to the hotel, mentioning the ECVN examination 2025. They will guide you with the reservation.

HOW TO GET TO BOLOGNA

BY AIR

Bologna international airport is named Guglielmo Marconi. The airport is very close to the city at about 6 km and is very well serviced by European flights as well as low cost airlines. The airport is well serviced by buses and taxis to and for the city centre.

Should you require further information, please read the web page of the airport:

<https://www.bologna-airport.it/en/welcome-to-bologna-airport/?idC=62175>

TO & FROM THE AIRPORT

BY BUS

MARCONI EXPRESS A special train (Marconi Express:

<https://www.marconiexpress.it/en/information/the-service/> connects the Airport of Bologna (Marconi) to the railway station, in the city centre.

AEROBUS - BLQ shuttle service (Terminal-Railway Station). Ticket may be purchased on the bus Airport-station, travel time: about 20 minutes

Phone No. +39 051/290290

For further information on buses, visit this site:

<https://www.bologna-airport.it/en/welcome-to-bologna-airport/?idC=62175>

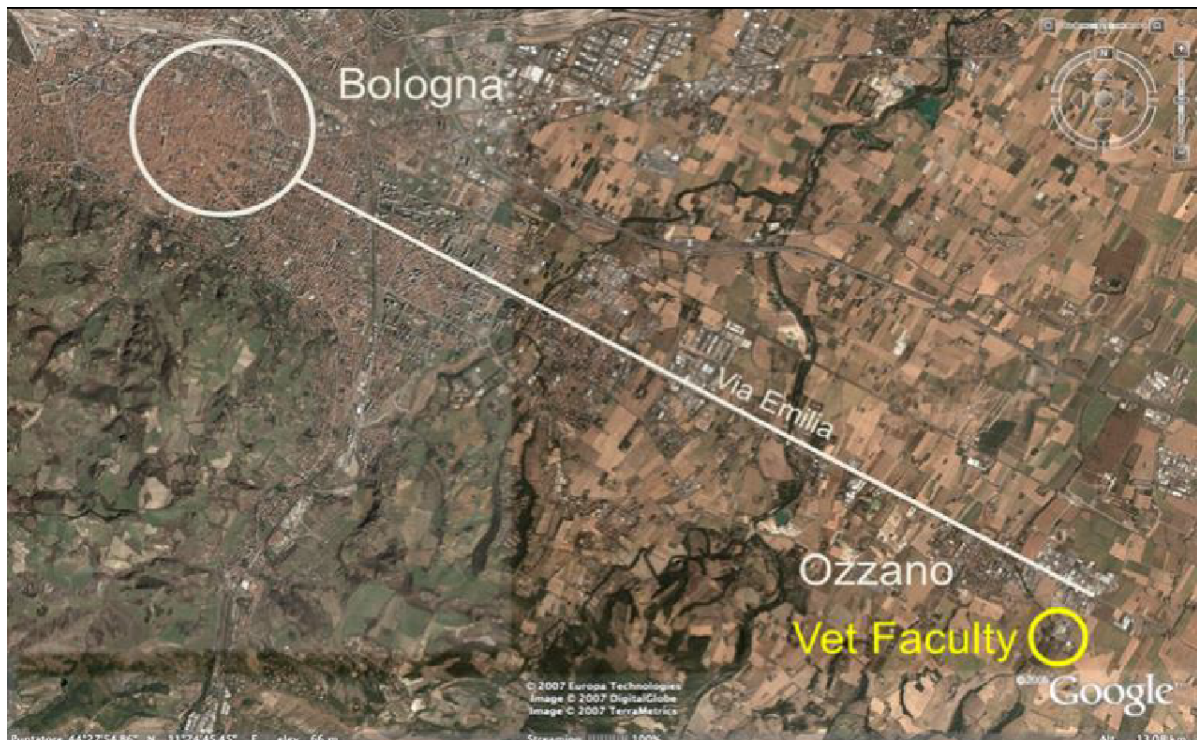
BY TAXI

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HOW TO GET TO the School of Veterinary Medicine in OZZANO EMILIA from BOLOGNA

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE VETERINARY SCHOOL IS OUTSIDE THE CITY CENTRE

HOW TO GET TO the School of Veterinary Medicine in OZZANO EMILIA from BOLOGNA



The address of the School of Veterinary Medicine is: Via Tolara di Sopra, 50 40064 Ozzano dell'Emilia BO – Italy. The School is located in the periphery of Ozzano dell'Emilia and is 12 km from the centre of Bologna.

How to reach the School of Veterinary Medicine:

BY CAR

From Bologna driving on “via Emilia” in direction south-east;
From the motorway A14 exit BOLOGNA-San Lazzaro di Savena, at the exit turn to the left and take via Caselle and, immediately after, turn to the right to proceed on the “COMPLANARE SUD” till the exit of Ozzano Emilia - Ponte Rizzoli; in the roundabout take the direction Ozzano-Via Emilia, in the next roundabout take the right on “Via Emilia” and after 200m turn to the left following the indications for the School of Veterinary Medicine (Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche Veterinarie).

BY TRAIN

Line Bologna-Imola: trains every 30' (grossly at 5 and 35 minute of each hour) from 06,00 to 24,00. **Please, be aware that the railway station in Ozzano is located outside the village, approximately 2,5 km from the PHI HOTEL EMILIA. Taxi connection is not easy.**

BY BUS

Line 90C from Piazza Cavour direct line to the School of Veterinary Medicine; Line 101 from the Bus station every 30 minutes.

BY TAXI

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PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

Every visitor to Italy must have a valid passport and a visa if required. Visas are not required from the USA, Japan, EU and most other European countries. If in doubt, please confirm if you need one with your travel agent or Italian consulate.

For further information, please visit the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at <http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/default.htm?LANG=EN>

CLIMATE

The weather in Bologna during February is usually cold (9 °- 3 °) and possibly rainy.

CURRENCY

The official currency in Italy is the EURO. Foreign currency, traveler's cheques and Eurocheques can be exchanged at the airport upon arrival, as well as at all the major banks located through Bologna.

BANKING & SHOPPING HOURS

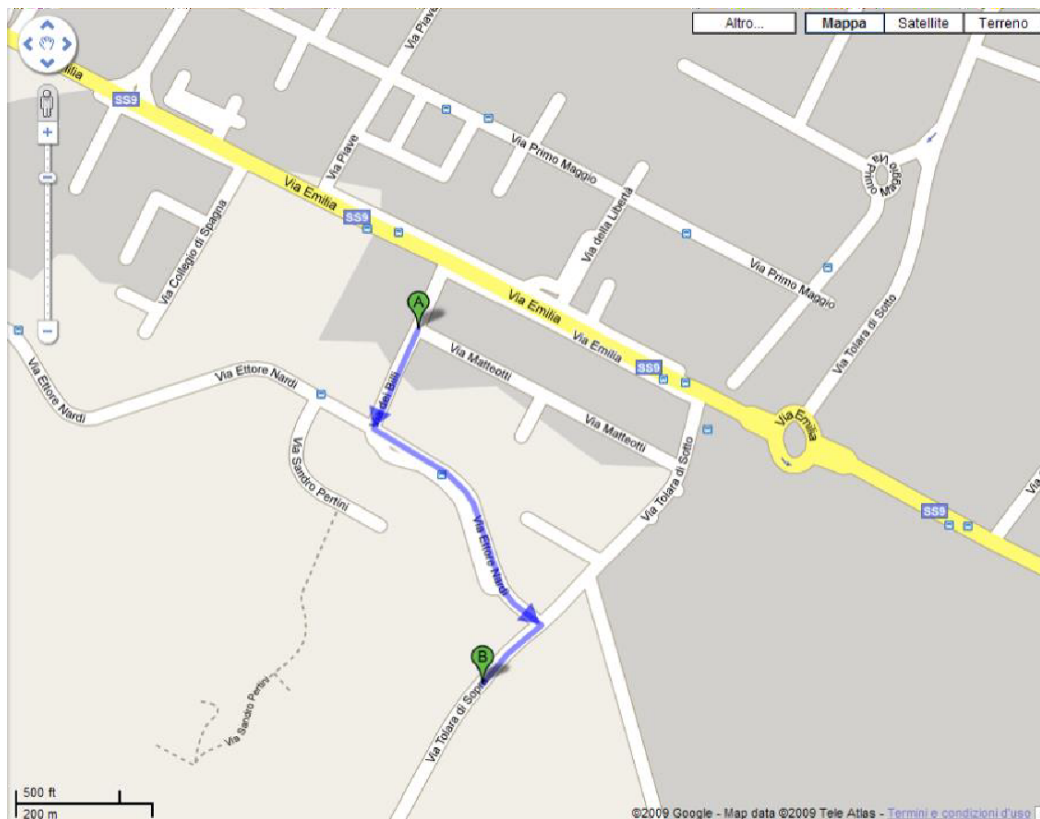
Banks open from: 08.20 -13.20 and from 14.35 -16.05 Monday to Friday

Shops open from 09.00 to 12.30 and 16.00 to 19.30 Monday to Saturday and from 09.00-12.30 on Thursday.

ELECTRICITY

An adaptor is necessary for electrical appliances in Italy (220 volts AC, 50 cycles).

MAP



from Phi Hotel Emilia (Ozzano) to the School of Veterinary Medicine (0,6 km \pm 5 min.walk)

A= Phi Hotel

B= School of Veterinary Medicine

Location Nottingham

**School of Veterinary Medicine and Science
University of Nottingham
Sutton Bonington Campus
Leicestershire
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Candidates meet in the Atrium of the Vet School building (building 27 on the site map; large version <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/vet/> at 9:00 on Tuesday 3rd February. The chairperson of the UK Examination Committee will provide all the information regarding the logistic and procedural details of the exam and will answer questions from the candidates.

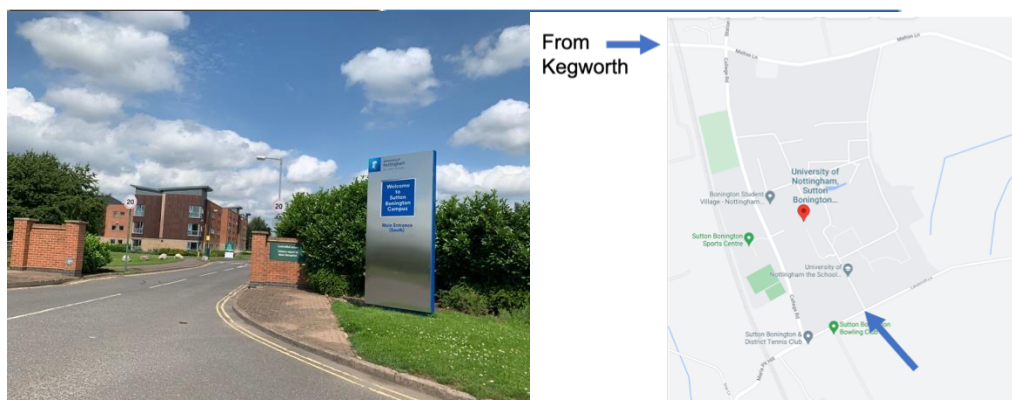
Candidates sitting only part/s of the examination can come to the Veterinary School at the relevant time, as outlined in the examination schedule below. These candidates are strongly recommended to inform the chair of the UK examination committee (Camilla Cooper) on the date and hour of their arrival in order to facilitate their welcome.

Logistic information for candidates at Nottingham:

The exam site on the Campus of Nottingham Veterinary School is 40 minutes' walk from local hotels in Kegworth, or there will be parking available on campus.

Entry on campus:

In order to get onto campus you should use the South entrance which is on Landcroft Lane. If you approach the barrier there is a button to press to speak with security. If you inform them you are going to the Vet School they will open the barrier. The vet school building is the first on the right



Parking:

Parking on campus is controlled by the University and you will need to collect a parking permit each day from the vet school reception. Finding spaces on campus can be difficult at busy times and car sharing from your accommodation is advised.

Entry into Vet School:

The main entry is just past the horsebox. There is a doorbell to the right of the door which you may need to press for entry.



The exam room:

To be confirmed.

Catering/lunch:

The student canteen on campus serves a selection of hot food daily from 12-1.30 and some salads. There is a small convenience store and coffee shop on campus within 50m of the Vet School, which also serves a limited selection of sandwiches and cakes.



The nearest alternative is Kegworth. The Butcher's in the centre of the village does good filled rolls or there is a small COOP supermarket.

For further logistic information please contact: Mike.Targett@nottingham.ac.uk

ECVN Diploma Examination Timetable

The exam will take place over two days. All candidates will sit the exams at the same absolute time. Please Note that UK and EU are in different time zones and the timetable refers to the LOCAL time in the respective country

Nottingham

Day 1: Tuesday 3rd February 2026

General introduction	9am – 9.30am
Technical checkup	9:30am – 10am
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short answer questions	10am – 1pm (180 minutes)

Lunch break 90 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCQ	2:30pm – 4:30pm (120 minutes)
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Day 2: Wednesday 4th February 2026

Technical checkup	8:30am – 9am
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case-based paper 1	9am – 12pm (180 minutes)

Lunch break 90 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case-based paper 2	1:30pm – 4:30pm (180 minutes)
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Bologna

Day 1: Tuesday 3rd February 2026

General introduction	10am – 10.30am
Technical checkup	10.30am – 11am

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short answer questions | 11am – 2pm (180 minutes) |
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Lunch break 90 min

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCQ | 3:30pm – 5:30pm (120 minutes) |
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Day 2: Wednesday 5th February 2025

Technical checkup	9.30 – 10am
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case-based paper 1 | 10am – 1pm (180 minutes) |
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Lunch break 90 min

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case-based paper 2 | 2:30pm – 5:30pm (180 minutes) |
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Exam Format

Short answer questions

The examination is 3 hours and consists of 17 (20 mark) questions based around a theme. Neuroanatomy (embryology, applied and structural neuroanatomy), neurophysiology (including neuroanaesthesia), neuropharmacology and different aspect of clinical neurology (including treatment and diseases and clinical trials) of small and large animals will be examined in this section. Question format may comprise: extended matching questions (EMQ), tabulated answers, complete the sentence, true/false, and short answers.

MCQ

This will last 120 minutes and consists of 75 questions. Candidates will be asked to select the best answer for a question from four options. Each question will represent 1.33% of the total mark of this section. All areas of neurology and neuroscience may be examined in this section.

Case-based questions

There will be two x 3 hour papers each consisting of 5 cases (20 marks). These will amalgamate previous parts of the exam and will include videos, gross pathology and histopathology, different imaging modalities and electrodiagnostic studies centered around an individual case. Not all aspects will be included in each case. This will also focus on pathogenesis of disease and ability to choose appropriate diagnostic tests. It is important to note that this is **A NO RETURN EXAM** meaning that once an answer has been submitted you will not be able to change it.