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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Request for information

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2024, in which you request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Before I deal with your request, it may assist if I set out the RCVS's obligations as a public authority. Under the FOIA, members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities. The FOIA covers any recorded information held by that public authority. The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to supply copy documents (although where it falls within the scope of the FOIA it should supply information contained within those documents) nor does it oblige a public authority to provide information that is not recorded in some form.

Now turning to your email of 3 March 2024, your request for information is as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Statutory Membership Examination for foreign veterinarians for the past five years.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information for each of the past five years (2019-2023):

- 1. The total number of foreign veterinarians who appeared for the RCVS Statutory Membership Examination.***
- 2. The total number of individuals who cleared the first written part of the examination.***
- 3. The total number of individuals who cleared the second practical part of the examination.***
- 4. The total number of individual who became fully registered with the RCVS.***

We have set out the data you have requested in the table below:

Year	Number of exam Candidates	Number who passed written exam	Number who passed practical exam	The total number of individuals who became fully registered with the RCVS. (All candidates who have passed the written and practical exams are eligible to register with the RCVS but the individual may not decide to do this)
2019	16	7	7	7
2020	26	6	5	5
2021	65	12	12	11
2022	90	20	15	14
2023	121	29	26	23

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may:

- a. Write to Eleanor Ferguson, Registrar of the RCVS, at the RCVS offices (or email: e.ferguson@rcvs.org.uk)
- b. If you are not satisfied with the response that you receive, you may write to the Information Commissioner, who is appointed to consider such complaints at the address shown below:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Further information on how to complain is available on the Information Commissioner's Office website:
<https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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