### SUMMARY OF EMS REGULATIONS

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| **TOTAL EMS REQUIREMENT** | Minimum of 26 weeks  
Start Christmas Vac of 4th year  
To be completed by start of Easter term of Final Year  
**NOTE:** at least 16 weeks should have been completed by the beginning of the 40 week final year, with at least 2 weeks of each species minimum completed before you start the clinical rotation in that species  
Students who have not completed the 16 weeks by this time will be invited to meet with the Director of Teaching, their VSCS and EMS Co-ordinator to explain the reasons for not having completed this amount of EMS. Depending on the circumstances, their entry into final year may be delayed. |
| **Preparatory clinical EMS at the beginning of the 4th year** | The first approx 6 weeks of clinical EMS are to comprise 3 x 2 weeks in three UK first opinion placements to obtain a broad range of initial experience |
| **REMAINDER OF CLINICAL EMS YEARS** | Further 20 weeks in a variety of veterinary practices, or other veterinary experience, in the UK and abroad. Students are encouraged to find a ‘base practice’ (either the same or different from one of the practices visited in the first 6 weeks) to return to several times.  
These 20 weeks can include 1 week of APHA (recommended but not compulsory), the final year SPVS student seminar and attendance at certain conferences, namely BSAVA, BCVA, BEVA, SPVS, Sheep Vet Society, Pig Vet Society, BVZS. It may also include up to 4 weeks in this veterinary school and up to 6 weeks abroad. Up to 6 weeks of laboratory/research work can be counted. |
| **SPECIES MIX** | In order to ensure day 1 competences, it is important that students see a variety of species and the following are set as minima to be seen over the full 26 weeks (including the 6 weeks preparatory EMS):  
- 4 weeks predominantly farm animal including at least 2 weeks of cattle  
- 4 weeks predominantly small animal  
- 4 weeks equine  
Up to 2 weeks of each 4 weeks species minima can be part of the preparatory 6 weeks of clinical EMS |

#### Note regarding Elective work and EMS at the Veterinary School:
- If you do elective work either at the veterinary school or away from the Vet School, you may count up to 4 weeks as EMS. However, this time is NOT counted towards the species minima stipulated above.  
- Up to 2 weeks at the Cambridge RSPCA clinic can be counted towards your total EMS, but again this is in ADDITION TO the species minima stipulated above which must be seen elsewhere.