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| <b>Category</b><br>(please tick one) | <input type="checkbox"/> International Applicant (Off-shore and Taylor's College Applicants)<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Applicant (applying through UAC)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Recent School Leaver <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Non-Recent School Leaver |
| <b>UAC Ref #</b>                     |  |
| <b>Name</b>                          |  |
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The purpose of the Commitment Statement is to find out about your interest in, and commitment to animal health and welfare and a career in veterinary practice. You may be able to provide evidence of this through your family background, work (including school work experience, part-time jobs and voluntary work) and special interests.

Submission of a Commitment Statement by the due date is a requirement for the purpose of meeting eligibility criteria for both local and international applicants to the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2019.

**Commitment statement submission**

**Domestic applicants**  
along with International Applicants sitting the NSW HSC and applying through UAC

Upload the completed forms and documentation to the UAC portal by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2018**

**International applicants**

Off-shore and Taylor's College international applicants should upload their completed "Commitment to Veterinary Science" form as part of the online application process. International applications are assessed on a rolling basis, and so it is in the applicant's best interest to upload this as soon as possible, by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2018** at the latest.

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all supporting documentation is attached. Applications submitted without supporting documentation will not be processed. Please do not send original documents, only certified copies. Please note we do not accept emails or facsimiles.

**Veterinary/Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience**

List below the names and addresses of veterinary or other related establishments (practices/laboratories/wildlife/care facilities etc) where you have obtained experience of an animal related nature (attach supporting documentation).

| <b>Establishment<br/>(including contact name, address and telephone number of a contactable suitable staff member)</b> | <b>Type(s) of experience</b> | <b>Number of days attended</b> |
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## Animal Handling Experience Checklist

A list of some skills with domestic animals appears in the following table. Please tick below all relevant animal handling skills, indicating the level of involvement.

Your experience will be moderated by your later stated opportunities to interact with animals.

Observed: Means you have witnessed the procedure

Completed: Means you have performed the procedure with or without supervision

| <b>HORSES</b>                              |          |           |   |          |           |
|--|----------|-----------|---|----------|-----------|
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Assess normal condition and behaviour      |          |           | Prepare a horse for transport; leg, tail bandages |          |           |
| Haltering                                  |          |           | Saddle a horse                                    |          |           |
| Leading                                    |          |           | Loading of horse into transport                   |          |           |
| Tying up                                   |          |           | Restraint of horse with a twitch                  |          |           |
| Grooming                                   |          |           | Pick-up forelimb                                  |          |           |
| Rugging                                    |          |           | Pick-up hindlimb                                  |          |           |
| Bridling                                   |          |           | Clean out hooves                                  |          |           |
| <b>CATTLE</b>                              |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Mustering                                  |          |           | Vaccination                                       |          |           |
| Drafting                                   |          |           | Drench  |          |           |
| Use of cattle crush                        |          |           | De-horn/disbud calves                             |          |           |
| Restraint using ropes and nose pliers      |          |           | Hand milk; strip milk sample for mastitis test    |          |           |
| Trim feet                                  |          |           | Machine milking                                   |          |           |
| Calf castration                            |          |           | Rectal examination                                |          |           |
| <b>SHEEP</b>                               |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Mustering                                  |          |           | Feet bath   |          |           |
| Drafting                                   |          |           | Lamb castration                                   |          |           |
| Catch and tip up sheep                     |          |           | Lamb tail dock                                    |          |           |
| Restrain sheep in sitting position         |          |           | Sheep dagging and simple flystrike treatment      |          |           |
| Restrain sheep in standing position        |          |           | Crutch  |          |           |
| Restrain in handling cradle or race        |          |           | Shear   |          |           |
| Condition score of sheep                   |          |           | Vaccinate   |          |           |
| Earmark                                    |          |           | Drench  |          |           |
| Eartag                                     |          |           | Jet   |          |           |
| Feet trim                                  |          |           | Dip   |          |           |
| <b>PIG</b>                                 |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Moving pigs between pens and for transport |          |           | Injecting piglets and older pigs                  |          |           |
| Restraint of older pigs                    |          |           | Tail docking                                      |          |           |
| Catch and holding piglets                  |          |           | Clipping of eye teeth                             |          |           |
|  |          |           | Ear marking/tattooing                             |          |           |
| <b>POULTRY</b>                             |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Catch a bird in a pen                      |          |           | Restrain a bird for physical examination          |          |           |
| Remove a bird from a cage                  |          |           |   |          |           |
| <b>CATS</b>                                |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Lift a cat                                 |          |           | Trim claws  |          |           |
| Restrain a cat for an injection            |          |           | Restrain a cat for a physical examination         |          |           |
| Take rectal temperature                    |          |           | Determine the sex of a cat                        |          |           |
| Dose a cat with a tablet                   |          |           | Restrain a cat on its side                        |          |           |
| <b>DOGS</b>                                |          |           |   |          |           |
| Activity                                   | Observed | Completed | Activity  | Observed | Completed |
| Fit a flat collar                          |          |           | Restrain a dog for an injection                   |          |           |
| Fit a muzzle                               |          |           | Take rectal temperature                           |          |           |
| Lift a small dog (<15 kg)                  |          |           | Trim claws  |          |           |
| Lift a large dog (>15 kg) with assistance  |          |           | Restrain a dog for physical examination           |          |           |
| Dose a dog with a tablet                   |          |           | Express anal sacs                                 |          |           |

**Additional Information**

Please use the space below to add any further information that may support your application. For example you may have experience with rabbits, reptiles, birds or aquatic species. You may include explanations of how you may have lacked opportunity to handle animals. **Please do not exceed the space provided.**

**Reflective Statement**

Select one of the procedures listed previously that you have performed (not just observed). State the procedure and in **200 words or less** reflect on the discomfort to the animal the procedure may have caused and the benefits to the health and welfare of the animal. **Please do not exceed the word limit.**

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| <b>Procedure:</b>  |
| <b>Reflection:</b> |

I certify that all the above details are complete and correct. I am aware, should my application be successful, that my current self-assessment of handling skills may be subject to close scrutiny.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_