

Additional guidelines for certification/accreditation of continuing education courses for veterinarians as “approved continuing education” according to § 10 (2) of the ATF-statutes

Simplifications due to the corona pandemic

For selected forms of further training, a simplified application procedure is possible due to the Corona pandemic. These simplifications were decided by the ATF board and are valid until 30.06.2021 (date of application) exclusively for the following forms of further education:

- **“Hybrid” events: Combination of on site training and live online seminar (unrecorded) with a split group of participants (one part live on site, one part live online)**
- **Live online seminars (unrecorded)**
- **Online seminars (recorded)**
- **Recorded online seminars, which are only available at a defined time/date and only for the duration of the online seminar (no subsequent retrieval possible)**
- **Face-to-face training with existing ATF accreditation, which due to the corona pandemic will be converted into one of the above-mentioned forms of online seminars**

For these continuing education courses, the criteria according to the [ATF guidelines for accreditation](#) of face-to-face courses apply. As an exception, no learning success control (multiple-choice test) is required only if the following requirements are also met:

APPLICATION:

For the ATF accreditation of continuing education courses as well as for the change of accreditation, a written application of the organizer with the appropriate form is required.

REQUIREMENTS and FEES:

For all above-mentioned forms of further training:

- The known criteria according to § 10 (2) of the ATF statutes apply (see also [ATF guidelines for accreditation](#))
- At the end of the training course, participants must actively confirm that they have attended the online seminar in full. Only then, the certificates of attendance may be issued.
- Certificate of attendance must contain all information mentioned in the ATF accreditation.
- Processing is subject to a fee (for processing fees see [ATF guidelines for accreditation](#))

For already ATF accredited on site courses that are converted into online seminars, the following criteria apply additionally:

- The face-to-face-training is cancelled due to the effects of the corona pandemic and carried out as an online seminar in one of the above mentioned forms
- The contents of the training remain unchanged. Program reductions are only permitted for organizational reasons and must be communicated in the amendment.
- The number of ATF accreditation must be communicated in the amendment.
- The certificate of attendance must contain all information mentioned in the ATF accreditation as well as the information that the online seminar is a substitute for an already ATF accredited on site event (date, location).
- The processing of the conversion of an ATF accreditation is once free of charge.

As soon as courses are available online for a longer period, the known [additional guidelines for accreditation of interactive CE courses](#) apply (incl. learning success control and submission of the complete content of the course and literature references).

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