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<b>UAC Ref #</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 strict requirement for the purpose of meeting eligibility criteria for both local and international applicants to the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for 2020 intake. Commitment Statements submitted after the due date will not be considered.

### 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 **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2020**

**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 **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2020** 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.

### 1. 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). Applicants are expected to have undertaken a minimum of 5 full days of work experience at veterinary establishments. Work experience must include animal handling, i.e. direct hands-on contact with animals (not just observation). If you have less than 5 days, please complete the Additional Information section on page 3.

Establishment (including contact name, address and telephone number of a contactable suitable staff member)	Type(s) of experience (including animal species)	Number of days worked

## 2. Animal Handling Experience Checklist

Using the skills checklist below, please indicate the animal related skills you have observed and/or performed by placing a cross (X) in the relevant 'observed' or 'performed' box.

Observed: Means you have witnessed the procedure

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

<b>HORSES</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
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>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
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>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
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		
Ear tag			Jet		
Feet trim			Dip		
<b>PIG</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
Moving pigs between pens and for transport			Injecting piglets and older pigs		
			Tail docking		
Restraint of older pigs			Clipping of eye teeth		
Catch and holding piglets			Ear marking/tattooing		
<b>POULTRY</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
Catch a bird in a pen			Restrain a bird for physical examination		
Remove a bird from a cage					
<b>CATS</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
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>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Performed</b>
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		

### **3. Additional Information**

If you have less than 5 full days of work experience at a veterinary establishment listed in the Veterinary/Animal Handling/Animal Welfare Experience section above, please use this space to:

- Explain why you may have lacked the opportunity to handle animals, AND
- Describe any animal handling experience you have outside of a veterinary establishment. This may include sustained care of domestic pets, time spent on farms or other animal facilities. You should describe any involvement in the intensive care of unwell pets over a sustained period of time (rather than routine day-to-day maintenance of feeding, walking and grooming).

**Please do not exceed 200 words.**

### **Reflective Statement**

Select one of the procedures listed in the Animal Handling Experience Checklist on page 2 that you have completed (not just observed).

- State the procedure.
- Reflect on any stress or discomfort the procedure may have caused to the animal.
- Reflect on the benefits of the procedure to the health and welfare of the animal.

**Please do not exceed 200 words.**

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

I certify that all the above details are complete and correct. I am aware that my current self-assessment of handling skills (Animal Handling Checklist) may be subject to close scrutiny, and I may be requested to provide supporting evidence of the claims I have made, before my application can be assessed.

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