

# SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL OIE REGIONAL SEMINAR VETERINARY STATUTORY BODIES

2011



# ACT OF PARLIAMENT (19 of 1982)

- South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) is a statutory body
- The Veterinary & Para-Veterinary Professions Act, No 19 of 1982:
  - describes the objects, powers, functions of the SAVC
  - Prescribes constitution, meetings and committees of SAVC (qualifications, tenure and vacation of office)
  - Appointment of registrar and staff



# OBJECTS of the SAVC

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- Regulate professions (veterinary and para-veterinary)
  - Determine minimum standards of training for prescribed qualifications
  - Determine standards for and control professional conduct
  - Advise Minister on matters affecting the professions
  - General: protect interests of and maintain status of professions
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# REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS

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- Registration with the SAVC is compulsory to practice as a veterinarian, veterinary specialist, veterinary nurse (1982) veterinary technologist (1988) laboratory animal technologist (1997), animal health technicians (2004)
  - Students register with the SAVC
  - SAVC may **in addition** authorise persons
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# Minimum standards of training

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- Prescribed qualifications that allow automatic registration
  - Regulations determine the minimum curriculum content and duration
  - Within a six year cycle all subjects presented in the final year or presentation are monitored
  - Within a ten year cycle program is monitored by way of visitation to the training institution
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# Standards of conduct

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- Rules determining standards of conduct and minimum standards for veterinary facility (consulting rooms and hospitals)
  - Code of Conduct and Practice
  - Continuing professional development
  - Complaints procedure
  - Ad hoc inspections to registered facilities
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# Advice to the Minister

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- Compulsory Veterinary Community Services
  - Regulation of Veterinary Medicines
  - Regulation of Merchandising
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# FUNDS

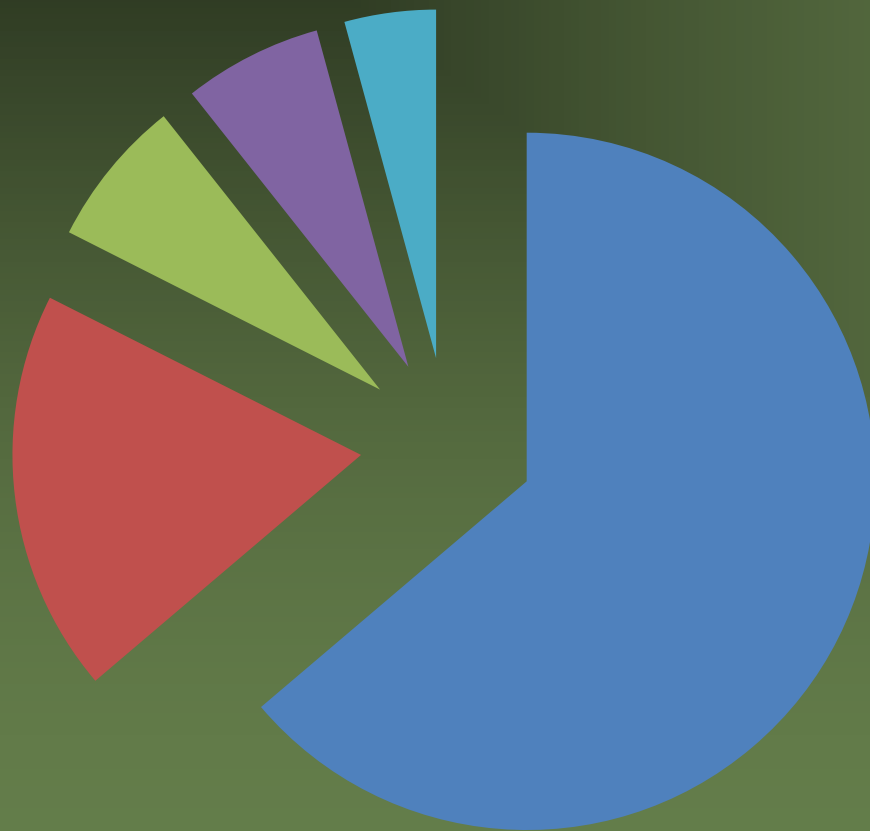
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- Registration and maintenance fees levied on students and persons registered to practice veterinary or para veterinary professions
- Authorisation fees levied on person authorised to practice veterinary or para-veterinary professions
- Investments
- Advertisements & sponsorships
- Fines





# FUNDS (contd)



- Veterinary professions**
- Para-veterinary professions**
- Authorisation fees**
- Interest received**
- Advertising & sponsorships**

# ACCOUNTABILITY

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- Proper bookkeeping and auditing
- Annual report to the Minister and tabled in Parliament
- Annual report and financial statements are open for inspection to the public



# DETERMINE THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF TUITION AND TRAINING FOR VARIOUS QUALIFICATIONS Section 3 (b)

## Sections 23 & 43

- ❑ EDUCATION COMMITTEE (3 meetings per year)
- ❑ SPECIALIST COMMITTEE (2 meetings per year)

### Recommendations made to COUNCIL

- ❑ Minimum standards for undergraduates
  - Monitoring undergraduate qualifications
  - Examination of non – prescribed qualifications
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- ❑ VISITATION TO INSTITUTIONS (2011 – UP)
  - ❑ LIAISON - SAQA, CHE, HEQC

# CONTROLS PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

## Section 3 (c)

### Sections 31,32,33 and Rules 34 -39

- INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE ( 5 Meetings)
  - Preliminary investigation
  - Formulates allegations that are to be investigated
  - Determines the experts and recommend appointment of Inquiry Body
  - Considers admissions of guilt
  
- INQUIRY BODY(IES) ( 20 Meetings)
  - Hear the evidence, make a finding and impose a penalty
  
- REVIEW DECISIONS: COUNCIL
  - IC and IB (Amendment to Act – Appeal Committee)
  
- INSPECTIONS
  - Carried out by Inspectors
  
- PRE-ADVICE SCREENING COMMITTEE ON INSPECTIONS makes recommendations to COUNCIL

# REGULATES THE PROFESSIONS AND REGISTERS PERSONS - Section 3(a)

Relevant sections 18,19,21,22,23(1)(c) 24,25,27 & 28

- REGISTRATION OF PERSONS:

Students, Veterinarians, Veterinary nurses, Veterinary Technologists, Laboratory Animal Technologists, Animal Health Technicians, Close Corporations & Incorporated Companies

*Mainly an Administrative task*

- LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING:

*Administrative task*

- AUTHORISATIONS ito SEC 23 (1)(C):

Animal Welfare Assistants & Others

**COUNCIL**

- REGISTRATION OF FACILITIES:

Veterinary clinical facilities

*Mainly an Administrative task*

Exemption of minimum requirements

**COUNCIL**

# OTHER

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- **DETERMINES THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** Section 3(d)
  - **PROMOTES EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRACTICE** Section 3(e)
  - **PROTECTS THE INTERESTS** Section 3 (f)
  - **MAINTAINS & ENHANCES STATUS** Section 3 (g)
  - **ADVISES THE MINISTER ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE PROFESSIONS** section 3 (h)
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# HOW ARE THESE AND OTHER FUNCTIONS CARRIED OUT?

## □ **COUNCIL** -

- meets 5 times per year

*Resolutions – policy, rulings, rules, updating of Code of Conduct, ratifies recommendations of Committees and reviews decisions*

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (3 members) - takes *Interim* decisions via electronic communication

## □ **VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**Administration executes decisions**

# COMMITTEES

- *Ad hoc* Committees
- CPD Accreditation committee –electronic communication
- Education Committee - meets 3 times per year
- Fees Committee – meets 2 times per year
- Investigation Committee - meets 5 times per year
- Registration and Authorisation Committee – meets 5 times per year
- Specialist Committee meets if and when required
- Pre – Advice Screening Committee on Inspections – meets 1/2 per year



# **LIAISON**

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- **Department of Agriculture**
  - **Animal Welfare Organisations**
  - **SAVA, VNASA, SAVT, SAALAS**
  - **National Horse Racing Authority (NHRA)**
  - **Health Professions Council SA (HPCSA)**
  - **SA Pharmacy Council (SAPC)**
  - **Chiropractors, Homeopaths and Allied Health Professions Council**
  - **Medicines Regulatory Authority**
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# OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

- Section 1: Definitions
- Section 4: Right to enter into agreements
- Section 5- 8: Constitution of Council
- Section 9: Election of President and Vice-President
- Section 10: Meetings – *arranged by Administration*
- Section 11: Executive committee
- Section 12: Other Committees
- Section 13: Allowances
- Section 14: Appointment of Registrar and Staff
- Section 15: Funds
- Section 16: Bookkeeping
- Section 17: Annual report
- Section 18: Keeping of registers
- Section 19: Proof of Register
- Section 20: Qualifications for registration – **Minister & Council**
- Section 21: Para-veterinary professions – **Minister & Council**
- Section 22: Registration of students
- Section 23: Unregistered persons
- Section 23(1)(c): Authorisations

# OVERVIEW CONTINUED

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- Section 24: Requirements for registration
  - Section 24 (1A)
  - Section 25: Registration
  - Section 26: Maintenance
  - Section 27: Alteration of registration
  - Section 28: Termination of registration
  - Section 29: Allocation of designation: **Minister**
  - Section 30: Rules: **Council approved by Minister**
  - Section 31 – 33: Inquiries into professional conduct
  - Section 34: Dispensing of medicine
  - Section 35: Charges for rendering service
  - Section 36: Obligations of employers
  - Section 37: Secrecy
  - Section 38: Correction of errors
  - Section 39: Defect in form not to invalidate documents
  - Section 40: Limitation of liability
  - Section 41: Offences and penalties
  - Section 43: Regulations: **Minister**
  - Section 44: Repeal of laws
  - Section 45: Short title
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# Remuneration

- In terms of Section 13 (1) councillors and committee members may be paid out of Council funds
- Travelling and subsistence allowances as the council may determine
- Currently R 2415.00 per day (to make provision for loss of income/ pay locum fee) plus travelling expenses
- Section 13(2) any member who is an officer (defined in terms of the Public Service Act) receives an allowance in accordance with the laws governing his employment by the State.

# THE ADMINISTRATION

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# QUESTIONS

