

Registration of Veterinarians and Veterinary Para-professionals. ZAMBIA

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Registration of Veterinary Surgeons carried out under the Veterinary Surgeons Act of the laws of Zambia.
- ▶ The Act is to provide for the registration of Veterinary Surgeons; to provide for the regulation of the practice of the profession of veterinary surgery and medicine; and to provide for matters incidental to the foregoing.

Registration of Veterinary Para-Professionals

- ▶ Under the current legislation, there is no provision for registration of veterinary Para-professionals.

Registration.

- ▶ Registration carried out by the board of Veterinary Surgery.
- ▶ The Board comprises of;
 - Director of Veterinary services- Chairperson
 - Three members appointed by the Minister- Two of them shall be Veterinary Surgeons.
 - Two members elected by the Veterinary association- One shall be a private practitioner.

Qualifications for registration.

- ▶ If applicant holds, to the satisfaction of the Director, one or more qualifications set out in a schedule.
 - Degree from a listed university.
 - Membership or fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
 - Any additional requirement required in order to practice in Country of qualification.

Qualifications for registration-Contd.

- ▶ If applicant is of Good character.
- ▶ If applicants name has not been struck off the register on the direction of the board
 - Provided the board has granted permission to make application for re-registration.
 - The High Court has reversed the decision of the board.

Application for registration.

- ▶ Applicant makes application to the Director on a prescribed form.
- ▶ Application shall be supported by original or certified copies of documents recording applicants' qualification.
- ▶ Application shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed.
- ▶ Upon registration, the Director shall issue a certificate of registration.

Register of veterinary Surgeons.

- ▶ The Director shall keep "The register of Veterinary surgeons" in which shall be entered the full names, qualifications, address and date of registration of the veterinary surgeon.
- ▶ The details of a registered veterinary Surgeon shall be published in the Gazette.
- ▶ In the month of January, the register shall be published in the Gazette.

Removal of name from register.

- ▶ The Director shall strike off a name from the register under the direction of the board and re-enter if so directed.
- ▶ The Director shall remove a name from the register if;
 - The veterinary surgeon makes written application to be removed.
 - The Director is satisfied the Veterinary Surgeon is dead.

Removal of name from register Contd.

- ▶ The Director, upon satisfaction that the veterinary surgeon has ceased to practice veterinary medicine or surgery in Zambia.
 - Publish in the gazette intention to remove name from the register
 - Send a copy of the notification to the address of the registered veterinary surgeon.
 If no objection within thirty days, the Director shall remove the name.

Disciplinary Powers of board

- ▶ Upon conviction of a felony, or be deemed guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct, the board may:
 - Caution the veterinary surgeon,
 - Censure the veterinary surgeon or
 - Direct that the name be struck out of the register.



