

**CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL  
IN TERMS OF SECTION 5 OF THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT, 1982 AS AMENDED**

**NEW COUNCIL MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY 1 AUGUST 2016**

<b><u>ELECTION</u></b>	<b><u>SELECTION PANEL</u></b>	<b><u>SELECTION</u></b>	<b><u>FACULTIES OF VETERINARY SCIENCE AND SAVA</u></b>	<b><u>MINISTER</u></b>
<p><u>15 JANUARY 2016</u> Call for nominations (Government Gazette)</p> <p><u>15 FEBRUARY 2016</u> Nominations closed</p> <p><u>08 MARCH 2016</u> Election notice to members</p> <p><u>05 APRIL 2016</u> Election day</p> <p><u>06 APRIL 2016</u> Counting votes</p> <p><u>08 APRIL 2016</u> Forward results to Minister and U.P. nominations</p>	<p><i>Invitation for nominations to serve on the Selection panel in OCT 2015 and the nominations must be received by <u>30 OCT 2015</u> (All nominations must be sent to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries directly. Please contact Mrs M v Rooyen at <a href="mailto:MarionRV@nda.agric.za">MarionRV@nda.agric.za</a> Fax: (012) 319 6740 Tel: (012) 319 6907</i></p> <p><i>Minister consults with the <u>outgoing council</u> on appointment of a selection panel and the panel is appointed by no later than <b>Thursday, 31 March 2016</b></i></p>	<p>The selection panel meets and <u>selects</u></p> <p>Inform Minister on outcome of panel selections by not later than Thursday <b>30 June 2016</b></p>	<p>2016 Request faculty and SAVA to make nominations by not later than <b>31 March 2016</b></p> <p>The rector or principal of each university in the Republic that has a faculty of veterinary science, shall nominate at least three veterinarians or veterinary specialists no later than <b>31 March 2016</b></p> <p><u>APRIL 2016</u> Inform Minister on Faculty nominations</p>	<p>The Minister <u>designates</u></p> <p><b>One</b> person from the <u>nominees</u> each of the universities that has a faculty of veterinary science</p>
<p>Ten veterinarians</p> <p><b>Three</b> persons with most votes in the election <b>qualify automatically</b></p>	<p><i>Three veterinarians or veterinary specialists</i></p>	<p>Eight veterinarians or veterinary specialists</p>		<p><b>Three</b> further persons (who were <u>elected</u> by the veterinary profession)</p> <p><b>Five</b> persons from the <u>selection</u> of whom ...</p>
	<p><i>One non-veterinary professional</i></p>	<p>Two non veterinarians</p>		<p>... at least one person shall be a non veterinarian</p>
		<p>Two persons on account of their knowledge of law</p>		<p><b>One</b> person from the <u>selection</u> of persons selected on account of their knowledge of the law</p>
				<p><b>One</b> officer of the DoA who is a veterinarian or veterinary specialist</p>
<p>One representative of each para-veterinary profession (<b>Five</b>)</p>	<p><i>One para-veterinary specialist</i></p>			
			<p><b>One</b> representative designated by the SAVA</p>	
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## EXTRACT FROM THE VETERINARY AND PARA VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT

### 5. Constitution of council.

—(1) Whenever it becomes necessary to designate or elect the members of the council the following procedure shall be followed:

- (a) Before the expiration of the period of office of the outgoing council, an election shall be held in the prescribed manner for—
- (i) the election of ten veterinarians or veterinary specialists by persons registered or deemed to be registered in terms of this Act to practise veterinary professions;
  - (ii) the election of one representative of each para-veterinary profession by persons registered or deemed to be registered in terms of this Act to practise the para-veterinary profession concerned.
- (b) The Minister shall, after consultation with the outgoing council, appoint a selection panel, which must consist of—
- (i) three veterinarians or veterinary specialists;
  - (ii) one para-veterinary professional;
  - (iii) one non-veterinary professional.
- (c) The selection panel shall select—
- (i) two persons on account of their knowledge of law;
  - (ii) eight veterinarians or veterinary specialists;
  - (iii) two non-veterinarians.
- (d) The rector or principal of each university in the Republic that has a faculty of veterinary science, shall nominate at least three veterinarians or veterinary specialists who are fit and proper persons.

[Sub-s. (1) amended by s. 2 of Act No. 19 of 1989 and substituted by s. 2 (a) of Act No. 10 of 2002.]

Wording of Sections

- (2) The council consists of—
- (a) one officer of the Department of Agriculture who is a veterinarian or veterinary specialist, designated by the Minister;
  - (b) six veterinarians or veterinary specialists from the ten persons elected as contemplated in subsection (1) (a) (i), of whom—
    - (i) the three persons with the most votes in that election qualify automatically to be members of the council;
    - (ii) three further persons shall be designated by the Minister;
  - (c) one representative of each para-veterinary profession elected as contemplated in subsection (1) (a) (ii);
  - (d) one person from the persons referred to in subsection (1) (c) (i), designated by the Minister;
  - (e) five persons designated by the Minister from the persons referred to in subsection (1) (c) (ii) and (iii), of whom at least one shall be a non-veterinarian;
  - (f) one person from each of the universities in the Republic that has a faculty of veterinary science, designated by the Minister from the nominations referred to in subsection (1) (d); and
  - (g) one representative designated by the South African Veterinary Association from its members.