

Rule 35: Minimum Standards for Non-Practicing Facility (Retired Veterinarians)

NAME OF THE FACILITY: _____

BY TICKING YES TO ANY RULE ON THIS CHECKLIST YOU AGREE THAT THE FACILITY ALREADY COMPLIES WITH THAT STANDARD.

Rule 35		Non-practicing facility			OFFICE USE			
					YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C	
	(1)	The base facility must comply with the following requirements:						
		(i)	be registered with Council in this category;					
		(ii)	have facilities for the safe storage of highly scheduled medicines, if applicable;					
		(iii)	have refrigeration facilities for biologicals if applicable;					
		(iv)	have appropriate equipment for the recording and filing of all orders, scripts and usage of medicines and any diseases or events, as needed according to OIE guidelines and other relevant legislation; and					
		(v)	have access to the relevant scientific and/ or legislative information resources necessary.					
	(2)	The non-practising facility will be registered and such registration will be maintained, subject to the following:						
		(i)	the registered veterinarian must provide proof to the Registrar that he/she is up to date with the requirements of continuing professional development upon request;					
		(ii)	payment of the applicable annual maintenance fees; and					
		(iii)	the registered veterinarian undertakes to use any medicines purchased on his/her own animals only, and does not do any work for anyone else or for a fee.					

Rule 34		Facilities for Consultants in Industry and other consultancies			OFFICE USE			
					YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C	
	(1)	The base facility must comply with the following requirements – as applicable to relevant scope of practice:						
		(a)	be registered with Council in this category;					

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					YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C
		(b)		have an external and internal neat appearance;			
		(c)		have an office where clients and representatives can be received and interviewed, with access to toilet facilities;			
		(d)		have a dispensary in accordance with Rule 21(4), if applicable;			
		(e)		have refrigeration facilities for cold storage if applicable;			
		(f)		have facilities for the safe storage of biological samples if applicable;			
		(g)		have a laboratory equipped according to scope of practice;			
		(h)		have appropriate recording and communication equipment as needed for reporting;			
		(i)		have access to the relevant scientific and/ or legislative information resources necessary;			
		(j)		have a post mortem area (or access to one) that is well equipped to perform a post mortem appropriately and to facilitate a reliable diagnosis, where applicable;			
		(k)		have facilities and equipment or access thereto for the hygienic disposal of animal tissue and any other contaminated or unwholesome matter or objects, to prevent the contamination of the veterinary facility as well as the environment;			
		(l)		all personnel must be trained in aseptic techniques;			
		(m)		there must be adequate facilities for the safe cleaning and disinfecting of all equipment; and			
		(n)		all personnel must be trained in the safe handling of animals and the danger of zoonotic diseases.			
	(2)	A service delivery vehicle must comply with the following structural and procedural requirements where (and if) applicable:					
		(a)		have an acceptable standard of construction and appearance and be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition if applicable;			
		(b)		be constructed of materials that are impervious and that can be cleaned and disinfected if applicable;			
		(c)		maintain secure storage of scheduled medicines (medicines) in accordance with relevant legislation if applicable;			
		(d)		have a fridge or cold box with a minimum/maximum thermometer that can keep all pharmaceuticals at the correct temperatures as indicated;			
		(e)		have equipment for the collection and disposal of all waste, if required;			
		(f)		have adequate equipment to ensure basic biosecurity, including equipment to clean and disinfect overboots between farms;			

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		(g)		carry an appropriate range of medicines equipment and protective clothing, according to the type of service and species serviced, in a manner that is consistent with professional standards, while ensuring occupational safety; and			
		(h)		adequate medicine.			

21 (4)		Requirements for a dispensary			OFFICE USE		
					YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C
21.	(4)	The dispensary must comply with the following, which must be read in conjunction with the Medicines Act:					
		(a)		it must be a separate room dedicated to the storage of medicines within the practice;			
		(b)	If medicine is stored in a cupboard in the consulting room, the following will apply:				
			(i)	all reference to temperature, climate control and practicality in Rules (c) to (m) below will equally apply to the room in which the cupboard is located;			
			(ii)	the cupboard must be locked at all times when a veterinarian is not present;			
			(iii)	only schedule 2-4 medicines may be stored in this cupboard. Schedule 5 and higher medicines must be locked in a safe as prescribed by the Medicines Control Act; and			
			(iv)	the amount of medicine stored must be limited to two containers each of a maximum of fifty medicines.			
		(c)		light conditions, temperature and humidity within the dispensary or medicine room must comply with the requirements for the storage of medicine, other pharmaceutical products, and packaging materials;			
		(d)		the working surface area in a dispensary must be sufficient to accommodate the volume of prescriptions dispensed;			
		(e)		all medicines must be stored at the prescribed temperature;			
		(f)		a wash hand basin must be accessible, which may be in another room;			
		(g)		no medicines may be stored on the floor;			
		(h)		schedule 5 and higher scheduled medicines must at all times be under direct supervision of veterinary professionals and locked away in a safe when a veterinarian is not on the premises;			
		(i)		storage areas must be large enough to allow orderly arrangement of stock and proper stock rotation;			

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		(j)	a suitable means of counting tablets and capsules. This equipment must be cleaned regularly so that cross-contamination between products is avoided;				
		(k)	refrigerator must be accessible (even in another room): must be equipped with a suitable thermometer and capable of storing medicines at temperatures between 2°C and 8°C. The refrigerator must be cleaned, defrosted and checked regularly to ensure efficient running. This refrigerator must be used only for storing pharmaceutical products;				
		(l)	a suitable range of dispensing containers for medicine;				
		(m)	Dispensed medicines must be sold, and correctly labelled in a package containing the following information:				
		(i)	the proprietary name, approved name, or the name of each active ingredient of the medicine, where applicable, or constituent medicine;				
		(ii)	the name of the owner, as well as the name of the patient, if available, for whose treatment such medicine is sold;				
		(iii)	the directions for the use of such medicine;				
		(iv)	the name and business address of the dispensing veterinarian; and				
		(v)	date of dispensing.				
		(n)	empty, time expired/or broken containers of medicines must be disposed of as legislated for dangerous substances in legislation controlling these substances;				
		(o)	records of medicines purchased need to be kept for a period of 5 years;				
		(p)	the receipt of medication for restocking of the dispensary is the responsibility of the veterinarian, and not by lay persons at the practice; and				
		(q)	have access to the pharmacological reference sources, and in the case of compounding, access to protocols for the compounding of medication.				

Rule 6		Records at Veterinary Facilities			OFFICE USE		
					YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C
	(1)		The attending veterinary professional (must) maintains records, including the records required in terms of the Medicines Act, for each animal or group of animals which are legible, accurate and permit prompt retrieval of information.				

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				YES	NO	CATEGORY A, B or C
	(2)			Records must contain the following information for individual animals as applicable:		
		(a)		the date or period of the examination or consultation;		
		(b)		name of the veterinarian who treated the patient;		
		(c)		client's identification;		
		(d)		patient name, other forms of identification, as well as the species, breed, gender and age;		
		(e)		clinical information for the purposes of continuous care and assessment;		
		(f)		vaccination record;		
		(g)		special procedures;		
		(h)		diagnosis;		
		(i)		treatment and scripts issued; and		
		(j)		discharge instructions.		
	(3)			Records must contain the following information for production animals, including wildlife, as applicable:		
		(a)		the date or period of the examination or consultation;		
		(b)		client's identification;		
		(c)		species & breed; for wildlife species and sex, age group and/or colour if relevant;		
		(d)		procedures or treatment performed. For groups of animals a general description of the type of herd-work and bulk use of medicine is acceptable, but the use of schedule 5 and 6 wildlife capture medicines, must be recorded with care; and		
		(e)		instructions to client in general, if applicable and abnormal observations.		
	(4)			All records referred to in Rule 6(2), radiological images and the interpretation thereof, laboratory and pathology results must be retained by the principal of the veterinary facility for a period of five years from the patient's last visit, with the exception of ultrasound images where only the findings must be recorded.		
	(5)			Records must contain the following information for diagnostic laboratory work (if) applicable:		
		(a)		date sample was collected, date received, date completed, and date of release of results;		
		(b)		client information and geographical information;		
		(c)		animal identification as submitted, including species, breed, gender and age;		
		(d)		clinical history;		
		(e)		tests performed;		

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	(f)		personnel doing the preparation and analysis;			
	(g)		method followed, deviations if any, reasons for deviation and reasons why results can still be accepted;			
	(h)		consumables and reagents including name, batch number, and expiry date;			
	(i)		results of quality control samples;			
	(j)		environmental conditions, if abnormal, or other critical information required by the standard operational procedure;			
	(k)		original findings; and			
	(l)		reports.			
(6)			Records referred to in Rule 6(4) relating to a complaint, charge or allegation lodged with Council in terms of section 31(1) of the Act must be presented to Council within seventy two (72) hours of being requested to submit such records, or as otherwise arranged with Council.			
(7)			Proper security arrangements must be made to protect medical and other clinical records from loss, fire, alterations, additions, supplements or unauthorised use; electronic records must be backed up on a daily basis and electronic backups should be stored off-site.			
(8)			Any alterations, additions and/or supplements to any records, clinical or otherwise, must be entered as a supplement to said record and must be clearly defined as such.			
(9)	(a)		The principal of a veterinary facility will be responsible for confirming the identity of the attending veterinary professional to Council, where a complaint is lodged against his/her veterinary facility.			
	(b)		The principal of a veterinary facility will be responsible for providing the records referred to in Rule 6(5), should a complaint be lodged against a veterinarian no longer in the employ of the principal of the facility, subsequent to the date on which the complaint originated.			
	(c)		Should the principal of a facility fail to comply with the provisions of Rule 6(9)(a) he/she will be held accountable for any unprofessional conduct arising from such a complaint.			

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