



## Welcoming Veterinary Physiotherapists

Dear Registrees

As you may already be aware the veterinary -and para-veterinary professions are welcoming new para-veterinary professionals on board as veterinary physiotherapists.

Applications for registration or authorisation need to be submitted as soon as possible but before or on **Friday, 22 June 2018 to. For submission and any queries about your application, please contact [education@savc.org.za](mailto:education@savc.org.za) and [directorregistrations@savc.org.za](mailto:directorregistrations@savc.org.za).**

The sub-committee consisting of representatives of the profession of veterinary physiotherapy will meet in July 2018 to evaluate applications and to determine whether these applicants may be registered or authorised in terms of the provisions of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act 19 of 1982 [The Act].

To enable applicants to assess under which category they need to apply for registration or authorisation, four options are available to the Act. These options are available at the links as follows:

**1. Veterinary Physiotherapy requirements, Section 20 (5)**

The Council may accept a degree, diploma or certificate, not prescribed for automatic registration under this subsection, for the purposes of **registration**. For full details please click on this [LINK](#).

**2. Veterinary Physiotherapy requirements, Section 23 (1) (c)**

The Council may, after consideration of an application by a person not registered with the SAVC **authorise** him or her to render, **subject to such conditions** as the Council may determine, veterinary physiotherapy services. For full details please click on this [LINK](#).

**3. Veterinary Physiotherapy requirements, Section 24 (2)**

These applications are regarded as **grandfather applications**. An application must be

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accompanied by documentary proof which satisfies the Council that the person concerned practised the veterinary physiotherapy in South Africa for a continuous period of at least five years prior to 22 December 2017, and is wholly or mainly dependent on the practice thereof for his or her livelihood. Council will determine the requirements for registration or authorisation of these applicants upon receipt of applications. For full details please click on this [LINK](#).

#### 4. **Veterinary Physiotherapy requirements, Section 27**

Persons who are already registered in terms of the Veterinary and Para-veterinary Act to practise a veterinary profession or a para-veterinary profession, may apply to Council in the prescribed manner for **extension of registration** to perform veterinary physiotherapy on animals. For full details please click on this [LINK](#).

If you are aware of anyone who renders the services of a veterinary physiotherapist please provide them with this information. To view which services, fall under the services of a veterinary physiotherapist please click on this [LINK](#).

The SAVC wishes to disseminate the information as wide as possible to ensure that all persons, who perform veterinary physiotherapy on animals, come on board as soon as possible.

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