The South African Veterinary Council was established in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act No 19 of 1982 and only persons who are registered with the Council may practice as veterinarians in South Africa.

The position with regard to registration is as follows:

1. **SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS**

   Persons holding the qualifications prescribed in the Act and Regulations are entitled to automatic registration with the Council on receipt of the requisite application form and fee. At present this only refers to the Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Tswane University of Technology).

2. **PERSONS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS**

   Persons with qualifications from any other institution throughout the world are required to pass an examination prior to being registered in South Africa to practice the profession of a para-veterinarian in South Africa. This requirement must not be construed in any way as a comment on the standard or quality of other educational training but is purely related to the fact that no agreement of reciprocity exists between this Council and other bodies concerned.

   Such persons shall submit an application to the Council for permission to enrol for the registration examination. Applications for permission to write must be received by this office on or before 1 April. If permission is granted the applicant will be required to sit the examination during September of the same year in Pretoria or a venue to be advised. Please note that an examination is required unless the Council expressly decides otherwise. All applicants are required to submit certified copies of all educational certificates together with their application and to produce original copies of the said certificates for scrutiny on the first day of the examination prior to sitting the South African Veterinary Council registration examination.

   Persons registered with other registering authorities, are required to submit with their application a certificate of good standing issued within the previous three months by the relevant registering authorities. The South African Veterinary Council is the regulatory authority governing the registration of qualified persons and the conduct of the profession.

   The Council is not in a position to render assistance with regard to the obtaining of employment in this country.

3. **EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST**

   **GENERAL INFORMATION**

   1. Application to sit for the examination of the South African Veterinary Council must be made in writing and on the prescribed application form to:

      **Exams:** South African Veterinary Council  
      874 Stanza Bopape (Church) Street, Lisdogan Park, Pretoria  
      PO Box 40510, Arcadia, 0007, South Africa  
      Tel: 0027 (012) 342-1612  
      Fax: 0027 (012) 342 4354

   2. A written examination is held annually in September at

      The Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria (UP), Onderstepoort **OR**
      The SAVC offices: currently 874 Stanza Bopape (Church) Street, Lisdogan Park, Pretoria  
      (relocating around 8 May 2014 to Victoria Link 28, R21 Office Park, Nellmapius Drive, Irene) **OR**
      At a venue/s to be advised.

   3. The closing date for enrolment is 1 April.
4. Late entries will NOT be considered (refer Rule 2.1 of the Rules).

5. Applications must be made on the application form and must be accompanied by relevant documents as listed on application forms, checklist and in the Rules.

5.1 A non-refundable application fee and a non-refundable examination fee determined by the SA Veterinary Council is payable in South African currency. Cheques and/or postal orders must be crossed and made out in favour of the South African Veterinary Council. Proof of payment must be submitted to the SAVC Administration on exams@savc.org.za or fax: (012) 342 4354 – Attention: Exams with the application form and when candidates present themselves for examination. The non-refundable examination fee may be transferred once, on motivation, to the following year subject to the escalation of the fee in the following year (refer Rule 2.2 and 2.3 of the Rules). Payments must be made in full. No down payments will be accepted.

5.2 A clear passport photograph: The applicant should write his/her name on the back of the photograph and staple it to the front of the application form.

5.3 All applicants are required to submit certified copies of all educational certificates together with their application and to produce original copies of the said certificates for scrutiny on the first day of the examination prior to sitting the South African Veterinary Council registration examination (refer Rule 2.5 of the Rules).

5.4 A certificate of good standing (issued within the last three months by the veterinary authorities in the country in which the candidate has been registered as a veterinarian) should be submitted, OR in the absence of a professional Council/Board or registering authority, a certified reference from the faculty from where the applicant qualified should be submitted OR from the present employer. *If an application is transferred to the next year an updated certificate of good standing must be submitted (refer Rule 2.7 of the Rules).

5.5 A police clearance certificate issued within the last three months, from the authorities in the country where the applicant resided the preceding year/months should accompany the application. *If an application is transferred to the next year then a new updated police clearance certificate must be submitted (refer Rules 2.8 of the Rules).

6. All candidates who failed the examination twice are permitted to apply for an additional examination based on the criteria, that the candidate provides:

• Additional proof that enhances the chances of passing an additional examination based on past performance;
• Proof of further studies (continuing veterinary education courses) in the relevant areas wherein the person was previously deficient;
• Other factors relevant to the candidate’s personal circumstances;
• Information that at least two years lapsed between the second and third year or any follow up examinations in which the candidate prepared him/herself with further studies.

7. The examination consists of at least two parts:

7.1 A Computer Based Examination (CBE) consisting of two sessions which is of a general nature and which will test the candidate’s basic knowledge and understanding of specific and important South African conditions. Candidates will be given an opportunity before the actual examination to complete an unrelated computer based questionnaire (dummy run) to enable candidates to familiarise themselves with the CBE format.

7.2 A practical and an oral/practical examination conducted by a panel or panels of examiners appointed by the Council.

7.2.1 During the practical examination the candidate’s proficiency in English and the applicant’s professional attitude will figure prominently (refer Rule 2.12 of the Rules).

7.3 A sub-minimum of 50% in the CBE session and a sub-minimum of 50% in the practical and oral/practical examination as well as an overall final combined mark of 50% is required to pass the examination and allow registration. The final combined mark will be computed as follows:

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Candidates must have a sound knowledge of the main laws pertaining to veterinary science and the veterinary profession in South Africa, viz.:

8.1 Fertilisers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No 36 of 1947)
8.2 Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984) as amended
8.3 Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, (Act No 101 of 1965) as amended
8.4 Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, (Act No 19 of 1982), as amended
8.4.1 Rules and Regulation

INCLUDING all relevant gazetted regulations promulgated in terms of the above Acts.

These Acts are published in Government Gazettes, which are obtainable at libraries and specifically at:

*The National Library of South Africa*
165 Thabo Sehume (Andries) Street
Pretoria
South Africa

Tel: 0027 (012) 321-8931

PO Box 397
Pretoria
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In addition, candidates must have a **sound theoretical and practical knowledge** of the following study fields:

9.1 **BACTERIOLOGY**
Micro-organisms (bacteria and fungi) that cause veterinary diseases. Emphasis is placed on the isolation and identification of organisms. Advanced techniques.

9.2 **HAEMATOLOGY**
Morphology and functions of erythrocytes, leucocytes and thrombocytes, applicable laboratory tests. Abnormal morphology and functions of blood cells, causes and laboratory findings of anaemias and coagulation defects.

9.3 **HELMINTHOLOGY**
Identification of parasitic helminths on the grounds of diagnostic characteristics. The life cycle of helminths and prevention and control measures are studied in detail. Recognition and pathology of diseases. Laboratory techniques are introduced.

9.4 **HISTOLOGY**
Fixation, bedding and cutting of tissue. Staining and mounting of histological slide preparations. Preparations are used for diagnosis. Cell structures and basic tissue types.

9.5 **IMMUNOLOGY AND SEROLOGY**

9.6 **PROTOZOOLOGY**
Identification of parasitic protozoa and recognition of the diseases they cause in food, animals and pets. Diagnostic characteristics, life cycles, pathology, prevention and control. Laboratory techniques are introduced.
9.7 ENTOMOLOGY
Identification of parasitic insects and the recognition of diseases transferred and caused by them. Life cycles of insects and environment factors that influence those cycles. Prevention and control, as well as chemical control. Acarology (ticks and mites).

9.8 VIROLOGY

9.9 BIOCHEMISTRY

9.10 TOXICOLOGY

9.11 MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (ONLY FOR CSR)

PLEASE NOTE

10. If candidates should require any additional information regarding examination policy, the administration and organisation of the examination, they may direct their enquiries to:

The Registrar: South African Veterinary Council
PO Box 40510
ARCADIA
0007
Republic of South Africa

Tel: 0027 (012) 342 1612
Fax: 0027 (012) 342 4354

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Payments to the South African Veterinary Council

Persons in foreign countries should please note that payments to the South African Veterinary Council should be remitted to:

**ABSA Bank Limited**  
**Hatfield Branch (Bank number 335 545)**  
**Pretoria**  
**Account 020 166 762**

and payees are to ensure that the amount transferred is the correct amount in South African Rand. When transfers are made ABSA must be advised of the details pertaining to payment, as follows:

Payment for application to sit registration with the South African Veterinary Council

Person’s name: ________________________________

Copy of Identity document: ________________________________

Date of payment: ________________________________

Please advise the South African Veterinary Council of transfer of payment, as follows:

Person’s name: ________________________________

Name of bank of origin: ________________________________

Payee’s account number: ________________________________

Amount of payment: ________________________________

Date of payment: ________________________________

E-mail the information to: exams@savc.org.za

OR

Fax the information to: 0027 (012) 342 4354: Attention - Exams