9 October 2017

Dear Dr Marwick,

Recognition of the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMCh), Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa)

Your letter of 18 April 2017 to Dr Christopher Tufnell and Mr Nick Stace was discussed by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) at its meeting on 28 September.

RCVS Council agreed to your request to recognise graduates of Medunsa University, South Africa, and this means that Medunsa graduates can apply to register in the UK on the same terms as graduates of the University of Pretoria Faculty of Veterinary Science.

I should say that this unique request from the SAVC led to a thoughtful and in depth debate at Council and, while it was clear that we could not accredit a school retrospectively, we took very seriously our South African colleagues’ request to register Medunsa graduates as you do. On balance, Council decided that the decision to accept Medunsa graduates for registration arose from a very specific and unique set of circumstances and that it was right that we supported the South African Veterinary Council in its desire to address an issue from a particular period in the country’s history.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Stephen May
President