Why is CPD necessary?

- Rule 4(3)(b)(i) requires that a veterinarian must maintain professional knowledge and skill required to ensure that a client receives competent professional services.

Who must do CPD and when does the CPD cycle commence?

- All veterinary professionals (including specialists) registered with council on 1 April 2006 who practise or rendered professional veterinary services.
  
  **Cycle commenced on 1 April 2006**

- Veterinary professionals who register after 1 April 2006.
  
  **Cycle commences on 1 April of the year following first registration**
Who is exempted from CPD requirements?

- Veterinary professionals who are not rendering veterinary professional services. Must be current if recommencing
- Veterinary professionals enrolled at tertiary institutions registered with the Council for Higher Education leading to a level NQF6 or higher in a chosen field of veterinary work

How long is a CPD cycle?

- Three (3) years from commencement date
How may points are required per cycle?

- Sixty (60) points, consisting of twenty (20) structured points and forty (40) unstructured points.
- Only the structured points are audited

Who must submit proof of CPD?

- Persons who are randomly selected each year and informed in writing of their selection;
- Persons who did not comply in previous cycles are added automatically to the selection; and
- Persons who are requested to submit proof of CPD compliance during an investigation into alleged unprofessional conduct
Which activities constitute structured points?
(Consult regulations for conditions)

- Formal lectures and/or practical demonstrations for CPD courses and conferences
- Lectures and/or practicals presented for undergraduate and postgraduate lectures
- Preparing, conducting and/or monitoring examinations of tertiary institutions
- The review of scientific articles or books of a veterinary nature
- Preparation and presentation/defence of veterinary related policy/curriculum documents
• **What activities constitute structured points (Consult regulations for conditions)**

• Presentation or paper for the lay press and lectures for the general public on veterinary or closely related matters

• Service as a tribunal member on a council inquiry body

• Preparation and presentation of a non-refereed one-hour lecture

• The first preparation and presentation of a refereed one-hour lecture or a scientific paper per topic [Five (5) points]

• To a promoter of a Master’s degree on completion of a student’s Masters dissertation

• To a promoter of a PhD degree on completion of the student’s PhD thesis
Council must accredit:

• CPD courses and conferences presented by universities, veterinary professional associations, regulatory bodies and accredited service providers, which will augment the chosen field of veterinary work; and

• Written assessment tests on veterinary literature
Deferment:

- Must be applied for in writing well in advance of the expiry of the current CPD cycle (6 months)
- Will only be granted in exigent circumstances (death or serious illness in the family or serious illness of the member)
- Too busy is not a sufficient excuse; and
- Council is considering a deferment policy that will only allow one deferment
THANK YOU

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