8. Covering

(1) A veterinary professional may not enter into a partnership or allow any shareholding or interest in his/her practice with another person, unless that person is registered with Council as a veterinary professional or para-veterinary professional.

(2) A veterinary professional may:
(a) Offer an appointment in his/her practice to another professional;
(b) Employ another person in a professional capacity at his/her practice; or
(c) Share his/her waiting and consulting rooms with another person involved in practising in the veterinary field.

(3) Any appointment, employment or sharing anticipated in Rule 8(2) is subject to the condition that:
(a) Patients may not be over-serviced for the purposes of increasing any commission, benefit or incentive to the veterinarian; and
(b) Sufficient bio-security measures, according to relevant health and safety legislation and including isolation facilities, are in place to ensure that the wellbeing of humans and animals are not at risk.