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We wish to inform the reader that in order for a veterinarian or para-veterinary professional to practice in South Africa s/he has to register with the South African Veterinary Council. This is a statutory requirement.

To be registered with the SAVC the veterinarian or para-veterinary professional must have obtained a veterinary or para-veterinary qualification recognised by the SAVC as regulatory body.

To maintain the registration the following requirements must be complied with:

1) A compulsory annual fee must be paid; and
2) Registration is subject to compulsory continuing education during which a minimum amount of credits must be accumulated on an annual basis. These credits are awarded at one [1] point of credit per one [1] hour of formal continuing education.

To obtain the formal professional education credits mentioned in point two [2] above, various applicable and registered courses are available throughout the year. These courses take place in various parts of South Africa and sometimes in other countries abroad.

In attending these compulsory courses, various expenses may be incurred. These may take the form of the course registration- and attendance fee, and/or accommodation fees, and/or transport costs and various other expenses.

In the event of a veterinarian or para-veterinary professional not obtaining sufficient credits, registration will be suspended, and the veterinarian or para-veterinary professional will therefore not be allowed to practice any longer. Thus, preventing the veterinarian or para-professional from earning an income on which taxation can be levied.

Yours faithfully,

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