To whom it may concern

We wish to hereby to inform the reader that in order for a veterinarian to practice in South Africa, he or she have to register with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC.)

To be registered with the SAVC the veterinarian must have obtained a veterinary qualification recognised by this regulatory body.

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

1) A compulsory annual fee must be paid.
2) It is also subject to compulsory continued education, during which a minimum amount of credits have to be accumulated on an annual basis. These credits are awarded at 1 point of credit per one hour of formal continued education.

To obtain the formal professional education credits mentioned in point 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.

In attending these compulsory courses, various expenses may be incurred. These may take the form of the course and/or accommodation fees, transport costs and various other expenses.
In the event of a veterinarian not obtaining sufficient credits, the veterinarian’s registration will be suspended and the veterinarian will therefore not be allowed to practice any longer. Thus, preventing the veterinarian from earning an income on which taxation can be levied.

Yours faithfully

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