The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) is the regulatory body for the veterinary and para-veterinary professions in South Africa and has a statutory duty to determine scientific and ethical standards of professional conduct and education.

The Council has recently decided to increase the annual maintenance fees by only 3% for the year 2019/2020 and to retain the inspection fee as for the current financial year 2018/2019.

**Background of decision**

Based on sound financial principles, the Council:

1. Does not budget for a deficit;
2. Annually increases the fees aligned with inflation (therefore the decision is a change to the norm); and
3. Charge fees for inspections as the principals of facilities must pay for the inspections (user-pays principle as not all registrees own facilities and does not benefit directly from the inspections).

**Why?**

The finance committee made the proposal to Council as Council:

1. Listened to its registrees when they voiced their concerns regarding the fees;
2. Is acutely aware of challenges experienced by the veterinary and para-veterinary professionals;
3. Is aware of the impact of the poor economic climate on veterinary practices; and
4. Has over the past five-eight years worked diligently and smart with investments, worked frugally with the income derived from the registrees’ fees and is able to allow for this decision in these particular circumstances.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **3762** Registered veterinarians
- **2224** Registered para-veterinary professionals
- **19** Authorised individuals to perform para-veterinary professional services
- **765** Authorised individuals to perform veterinarian services
- **1262** Support calls have been received for January 2019
- **1685** Councillors spend 674 hours preparing for the meeting p/a
- **64** Regular Council and Committee meetings and ad hoc meetings held per annum
- **1315** Emails are received daily by the administrative team
- **37** Years since SAVC became independent from government

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