SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL
VETERINARY SPECIALIST

ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR PEER EVALUATIONS

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1. Applicant:
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2. Address: ..............................................................................................................
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3. Specialist Category
Category: ..............................................................................................................
Sub-category: ........................................................................................................

Encircle the applicable answer

4. Period of Practice
Has the applicant been a registered veterinarian for five years or more? Yes/no

How many years? ......................

How many years has the applicant spent working in the proposed specialty area?

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5. **Training**

(a) **Type of programme**

(i) University (or similar institution) residency course or programme? Yes/no

OR

(ii) Non-residency, but defined/approved course or programme? Yes/no

OR

No final structured training programme Yes/no

(b) Was the training centre an approved institution? Yes/no

(c) **Period of training:**

A minimum of two years full-time or equivalent? Yes/no

(d) **Degree of involvement in specialty during training:**

A minimum of 50% of working time? Yes/no

(e) **Supervision:**

Was the applicant’s training directed by an approved supervisor? Yes/no

Name/names of supervisors supplied Yes/no
(f) Publications and dissertation

Refereed scientific papers? Yes/no

Any papers published or accepted for publication in the last five years? Yes/no

Case reports Yes/no

Any case reports published or accepted for publication in the last five years? Yes/no

Dissertations/presentations

Dissertations/presentations given in the last five years? Yes/no

6. Examinations

Did the applicants examinations
(a) Follow an approved training programme? Yes/no

(b) Consist of a minimum of two, three-hour written examinations? Yes/no

(c) Contain a practical or oral examination of at least three hours duration? Yes/no

(d) Was the candidate assessed by any other College or an organisation of equivalent standing? Yes/no

7. Work experience in the area of specialisation

(Questions 7 (a) and (b) are intended to assess the level of actual work experience of persons who have recently acquired a specialty qualification. It should be recognised that a post graduate qualification that entitles the applicant to apply for registration as a specialist, may not automatically entitle the applicant to specialist registration. They must demonstrate that they are accepted by their colleagues and peers as possessing specialist knowledge & skills.)

i. Evidence that the applicant’s specialist knowledge and skills are currently acknowledged by Veterinary colleagues, other than the recognised experts nominated in para 9 below.

Evidence of accepting referral of cases and casework from other veterinarians including two letters of reference from such colleagues? Yes/no

Is this evidence acceptable? Yes/no
ii. Invitations to speak at conferences, give workshops or courses? Yes/no

iii. Evidence of inter-professional contacts with other experts in the field? Yes/no

iv. Publication record
   Refereed scientific papers? Yes/no
   Case reports? Yes/no
   Dissertations? Yes/no
   Books/chapters of books? Yes/no
   Review articles? Yes/no

(b) Is the applicant actively involved in work in the area of proposed specialty a minimum of 50 % of the time? Yes/no

(c) Has the applicant maintained a suitable programme of continuing professional development since achieving the qualifications for which registration as a specialist is sought? Yes/no

(Question 7 (c) is intended to assess the commitment to continuing professional development of persons who have possessed their specialist qualification for some time before applying for registration. It may not be very relevant to recent graduates, but it should be answered where possible.)

(i) Record of attendance at conferences/workshops/courses since achieving the qualifications for which registration as a specialist is sought? Yes/no

(ii) Invitations to speak at conferences/workshops/courses since achieving the qualification for which registration as a specialist is sought? Yes/no

(iii) Free access to library/journal subscriptions? Yes/no

(iv) Maintenance of publication record? Yes/no

8. If you have selected “no” for any of the items numbered 4 to 7 above, do you think it is a sufficient deficiency to prevent this application being approved? Specify your reasons on a separate sheet, giving the relevant paragraph number.

9. Has the applicant submitted the letters of reference from at least two referees with an international reputation in the nominated specialty for which registration is sought?
Are these references acceptable? 

Yes/no

If your answer is NO to the above, do you require further details? 

Yes/no

Comments  

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10. **Is more information required to complete this assessment?**

Yes/no

Specify details required  

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11. **Assessor’s decision**

(Please encircle choice and make specifications where directed)

Meets the recommended criteria – suitable for registration in the category and sub-category specified below:

Category:  

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Sub-Category:  

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Does not meet recommended criteria, not suitable for registration.

Require further information to complete assessment.
Applicant does not meet all the recommended criteria, but is currently recognised as having specialist skills and knowledge by both veterinarians working in the nominated field and by internationally recognised experts working in the nominated field.

Recommend that applicant sit an examination.

12. Comments and recommendation of the Assessor on this application if any other choice but (1) above, is made.

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to the assessment form.

Name of Assessor:

Signed:

Date assessment returned to SAVC: