The South African Veterinary Council is established in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982) and only persons who are registered with the Council may practice as Veterinary Technologist in South Africa.

The position with regard to registration is as follows:

1. SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS

Persons holding the qualifications prescribed in the Act and Regulations are entitled to automatic registration with the Council on receipt of the requisite application form and fee. At present the only qualifications is the National Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Tshwane University of Technology) Pretoria.

2. PERSONS WITH OTHER FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Persons with qualifications from any other institution throughout the world are required to pass a council examination before being registered in South Africa to practice the profession of Veterinary Technology in South Africa. This requirement must not be construed in any way as a comment on the standard or quality of their educational training but is purely due to the fact that no agreement of reciprocity exists between this Council and the other bodies concerned.

Such persons must submit an application to the Council for permission to write the registration examination. Applications for permission to write the registration examination must be received by the registrar's office by 1 April. If permission is granted the applicant will be required to sit the examination during September of the same year in Pretoria.

Please note that an examination will be required unless the Council expressly determines otherwise in a particular case.

All applicants are required to submit certified copies of all educational certificates as well as an academic transcript (statement of courses done and marks obtained) from the institution they qualified from, together with their application and produce original copies of the said certificates/documents for scrutiny on the first day of the examination and prior to sitting the South African Veterinary Council Registration Examination.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Veterinary Council is concerned with the registration of qualified persons and the conduct of the profession.

The Council is not in a position to render assistance with regard to the obtaining of employment in this country.

3. EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION

3.1 AS A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST

GENERAL INFORMATION

a) Application to sit for the examination of the South African Veterinary Council must be made in writing and on the prescribed application form to: The Registrar: South African Veterinary Council

874 CHURCH STREET; LISDOGAN PARK; PRETORIA; P.O. Box 40510; ARCADIA; 0007 RSA

Tel: 0027 (012) 342 1612; Fax: 0027 (012) 342 4354
b) A written examination is held annually in September at:

Department Biomedical Sciences Arcadia Campus located at, Nelson Mandela Drive, Arcadia, Pretoria
OR the Offices of the South African Veterinary Council located at

874 CHURCH STREET, LISDOGAN PARK, PRETORIA AND/ OR

AT A VENUE/S TO BE ADVISED

c) The closing date for enrolment is 1 APRIL.

d) Late entries will NOT be considered.

e) Application must be made on the application form and must be accompanied by the relevant documents as listed on the application form, checklist and in the Rules.

f) All candidates who failed the examination twice are permitted to apply for an additional examination based on the following criteria:

- Chances of passing an additional examination based on past performance;
- Proof of further studies (continuing veterinary education courses); and
- Other factors relevant to the candidate's personal circumstances.

g) The examination consists of one part: A written examination consisting of one paper including all the relevant study fields as mentioned in point six, which is of a general nature and which will test the candidate's basic knowledge and understanding of the theory and practical aspects of work of a Veterinary Technologist under South African conditions.

An subminimum of 40% in each study field and an overall final combined mark of 50% is required to pass the examination and allow full registration.

During the examination, the candidate’s language proficiency in English and professional attitude will figure prominently.

3.2 COMPETENCE SPECIFIC REGISTRATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

a) Application to sit for the examination of the South African Veterinary Council must be made in writing and on the prescribed application form to: The Registrar: South African Veterinary Council.

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Tel: 0027 (012) 342 1612; Fax: 0027 (012) 342 4354

b) Applications will only be accepted if proof of employment can be provided

c) A written examination is held annually in September at:

Department Biomedical Sciences Arcadia Campus located at, Nelson Mandela Drive, Arcadia, Pretoria
OR the Offices of the South African Veterinary Council located at
d) The closing date for enrolment is 1 APRIL.

e) Late entries will NOT be considered.

f) Application must be made on the application form and must be accompanied by the relevant documents as listed on the application form, checklist and in the Rules.

g) All candidates who failed the examination twice are permitted to apply for an additional examination based on the following criteria:

- Chances of passing an additional examination based on past performance;
- Proof of further studies (continuing veterinary education courses); and
- Other factors relevant to the candidate's personal circumstances.

h) The examination consists of one part:

A written examination consisting of one paper including ONLY the fields/subjects relevant to the study field of application or field of practice, as applied for. This will test the candidate's competence: knowledge and understanding of the theory and practical aspects of the specific sphere of work as Veterinary Technologist under South African conditions.

An overall final mark of 50% is required to pass the examination and allow Competence Specific Registration

During the examination, the candidate's language proficiency in English and professional attitude will figure prominently

4. ALL Candidates must have a sound knowledge of the main laws relevant to veterinary science and the veterinary- and Para-veterinary professions in South Africa, viz:

4.1 Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984)

4.2 Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982) as amended

4.2.1 Applied regulations
4.2.2 the ethical code of Veterinary Technologists.

These Acts are published in Government Gazettes, which are obtainable at libraries and specifically at:

The National Library of South Africa

Andries Street 165
Pretoria
South Africa
P O Box 397
Pretoria
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5. Candidates must have a sound theoretical and practical knowledge of the following study fields;
5.1 **Bacteriology**: Micro-organisms (bacteria and fungi) that cause veterinary diseases. Emphasis is placed on the isolation and identification of organisms. Advanced techniques.

5.2 **Haematology**: Morphology and functions of erythrocytes, leucocytes and thrombocytes, applicable laboratory tests. Abnormal morphology and functions of blood cells, causes and laboratory findings of anaemias and coagulation defects.

5.3 **Helminthology**: Identification of parasitic helminths on the grounds of diagnostic characteristics. The life cycle of helminths and prevention and control measures are studied in detail. Recognition and pathology of diseases. Laboratory techniques are introduced.

5.4 **Histology**: Fixation, bedding and cutting of tissue. Staining and mounting of histological slide preparations. Preparations are used for diagnosis. Cell structures and basic tissue types.

5.5 **Immunology and Serology**: Specific and non-specific immunity. Antigens. Classification and characteristics of antibodies. Lymphoid organs of antibody production. Antigen-antibody reactions, including complement, precipitation, phagocytosis and agglutination. Cellular and humoral immunity. Serological techniques. Immunopathology.

5.6 **Protozoology**: Identification of parasitic protozoa and recognition of the diseases they cause in food animals and pets. Diagnostic characteristics, life cycles, pathology, prevention and control. Laboratory techniques are introduced.

5.7 **Entomology**: Identification of parasitic insects and the recognition of diseases transferred and caused by them. Life cycles of insects and environmental factors that influence those cycles. Prevention and control, as well as chemical control. Acardology (ticks and mites).


5.9 **Molecular Biology (only for CSR)**


**PLEASE NOTE**

6. **If candidates should require any additional information regarding:**

examination policy, the administration and organisation of the examination, they may direct their enquiries to:

*The Registrar South African Veterinary Council*

P.O. Box 40510

Arcadia

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Republic of South Africa

Tel: (012) 342 1612

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Payments to the South African Veterinary Council

Persons in foreign countries should please note that payments to the South African Veterinary Council should be remitted to ABSA Bank Limited, Hatfield Branch (Bank reference 335 545) Pretoria for credit of Account 020 166 762 and payees are to ensure that the amount transferred is the correct amount in South African Rand. When transfers are made ABSA must be advised of the details pertaining to payment, as follows:

Payment for application to sit registration with the South African Veterinary Council

Person’s name: ____________________________
Copy of Identity document: ____________________________
Date of payment: ____________________________

Please advise the South African Veterinary Council of transfer of payment, as follows:

Person’s name: ____________________________
Name of bank of origin: ____________________________
Payee’s account number: ____________________________
Amount of payment: ____________________________
Date of payment: ____________________________

Fax the information to 0027 (012) 342 4354