The South African Veterinary Council was established in terms of the Veterinary and Para Veterinary Professions Act, Act No 19 of 1982 and only persons who are registered with the Council may practice as veterinarians 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 BVSc (Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria).

2. PERSONS WITH OTHER FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

The acceptances of persons as set out in Items 2 and 3 above are based on historical agreements of reciprocity, which exist between this Council and registering authorities. Persons with qualifications from any other institution throughout the world are required to pass an examination before being registered 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 registering authorities of these countries concerned.

Such persons must submit an application to the SA Veterinary Council for permission to enrol for the examination. Applications for permission to write must be received in this office by 1 April. If permission is granted the applicant will be required to sit the examination in September of the same year in Pretoria or a venue to be advised. 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 together with their application and produce original copies of the said certificates for scrutiny on the first day of the examination and prior to sitting the South African Veterinary Council registration examination.

Persons registered with other registering authorities prior to their application to register in South Africa, are required to submit with their application a certificate of good standing issued within the previous three months by the relevant registering authorities. Attention is drawn to the fact that the SA 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 AS A VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

3.2. A written examination is held annually in September at

FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE, UP ONDERSTEPOORT AND/ OR

874 CHURCH STREET, LISDOGAN PARK, PRETORIA AND/ OR

AT A VENUE/S TO BE ADVISED

3.3 The closing date for enrolment is 1 April.

3.4. Late entries will NOT be considered [Refer Rule 2.1 of the rules]
3.5. Applications must be made on the application form and must be accompanied by relevant documents as listed on application forms, checklist and in the Rules.

3.5.1 A non-refundable application/processing fee and a non-refundable examination fee determined by the SA Veterinary Council payable in South African currency. Cheques and/or postal orders must be crossed and made out in favour of the South African Veterinary Council. Proof of payment must be submitted when candidates present themselves for examination. The non-refundable examination fee may be transferred once, on motivation, to the following year subject to the escalation of the fee in the following year. [Refer Rule 2.2 of the rules]

3.5.2 Certified copies of degrees, diplomas and/or certificates. [Refer Rule 2.4 of the rules]

3.5.3 A certificate of good standing issued within the last three months by the veterinary authorities in the country in which the candidate has been registered as a veterinarian or in the absence of a professional Council/Board or registering authority then a certified reference from the faculty from where the applicant qualified and/or from the present employer as well as a police clearance from the authorities in the country where the applicant was last employed. [Refer Rules 2.5 and 2.6 of the rules]

4 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) in the relevant areas wherein the person was deficient; Other factors relevant to the candidate’s personal circumstances;
- At least two years lapsed between the second and third year or follow up examinations in which the candidate must prepare him/herself with further studies.

5. The examination consists of one part.

A primary written examination consisting of paper including all the relevant study fields as mentioned in point 4, which is of a general nature and which will test the candidate’s basic knowledge and understanding of the theory and practical aspects of a Veterinary Technologist under South African conditions.

6. Candidates must have a sound knowledge of the main laws pertaining to veterinary science and the veterinary profession in South Africa, viz.:


6.2 Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984) as amended

6.3 Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, (Act No 101 of 1965) as amended

6.4 Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, (Act No 19 of 1982), as amended

6.4.1 Rules and Regulation


INCLUDING all relevant gazetted regulations promulgated in terms of the above acts. These Acts are published in Government Gazettes, which are obtainable at libraries and specifically at:

The National Library of South Africa
165 Andries Street
Pretoria
South Africa TEL: (012) 321-8931
P O Box 397
Pretoria
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4. Candidates must have a sound theoretical and practical knowledge of the following study field:

- **Bacteriology**: Micro-organisms (bacteria and fungi) that cause veterinary diseases. Emphasis is placed on the isolation and identification of organisms. Advanced techniques.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.


- **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.

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


**PLEASE NOTE**

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*
*0007*
*Republic of South Africa*
*Tel: (012) 342 1612*
*Fax: (012) 342 4354*
SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

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 number 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