



Veterinarians Amendment Act 2008

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Veterinarians Amendment Act 2008.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Principal Act amended

This Act amends the Veterinarians Act 2005.

4 Entitlement to registration

Section 6(1) is amended by omitting “has” and substituting “is a fit and proper person to be registered and has, or is eligible to have,”.

5 Entitlement to registration as specialist

- (1) Section 7(1) is amended by omitting “, by notice in the *Gazette*,”.
- (2) Section 7(1)(b) is amended by omitting “notice” and substituting “designation”.

6 Disqualification from registration

- (1) Section 9(a)(i) is amended by omitting “, within the last 7 years,”.
- (2) Section 9(b) is amended by omitting “in another country” and substituting “in New Zealand or elsewhere”.

7 Application for registration

Section 10 is repealed and the following section substituted:

“10 Application for registration

An application for registration must be made to the Council and must—

- “(a) be made in a form determined by the Council; and
- “(b) contain the information determined by the Council; and
- “(c) be accompanied by the prescribed fee.”

8 Application for limited registration

Section 14(2) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (a):

- “(ab) is a fit and proper person to be registered; and”.

9 Application for practising certificate

Section 24 is amended by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

- “(2) An application under subsection (1) must—
- “(a) be made in a form determined by the Council; and
 - “(b) contain the information determined by the Council; and
 - “(c) be accompanied by the prescribed fee.”

10 Decision of complaints assessment committee

Section 43 is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2):

- “(2A) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the complaints assessment committee may make a recommendation to the Council without investigating, or fully investigating, a complaint or referral if the committee considers that the complaint or referral—
- “(a) relates to the competence of the specified person; or
 - “(b) relates to a medical issue; or
 - “(c) requires urgent action by the Council.”

11 Competence assessments

Section 58(1) is amended by inserting “or of its own motion” after “committee”.

12 Functions of Council

- (1) Section 75(e)(ii) is amended by omitting “:” and substituting “; and”.
- (2) Section 75 is amended by inserting the following subparagraphs after paragraph (e)(ii):
 - “(iii) to designate branches of veterinary science as branches in which veterinarians may practise as specialists for the purposes of section 7(1); and
 - “(iv) to determine the form and content of applications for the purposes of sections 10(a) and (b) and 24(2)(a) and (b):”.
- (3) Section 75(j)(ii) is repealed.
- (4) Section 75(j)(iv) is repealed.

13 Schedule 1 amended

Clause 17(2) of Schedule 1 is amended by inserting “to hold a hearing, suspend or revoke a practising certificate or registration, or impose penalties or conditions” after “powers”.

Legislative history

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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
