
SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

REGISTRATION SECTION: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(Updated 22 February 2018)

Q1: When do I need to update my contact details with Council?

A1: You are required by law to submit your contact details to Council. Please update any information as soon as it changes, as surface and e-mail correspondence regularly return to us as being undelivered. We are also often unable to reach members on the telephone and cell phone numbers as captured on our system.

Q2: What is the difference between the Registration and the Maintenance fee?

A2: The Registration fee is a once-off payment to register you with the SAVC once you have qualified to register. The Maintenance fee is an annual fee payable to ensure that your registration with the SAVC is maintained. If you are removed from the register for non-payment of maintenance fees for any period, you will have to pay a re-registration fee.

Q3: As registered member, what do I get from Council in return for payment of my maintenance fee?

A3: The benefit of paying maintenance fees cannot be translated into a personal benefit *per se*, but it must rather be translated into a benefit for the veterinary professions at large, and for the greater good of the country, its people and animals.

Q4: For how long is a Letter of Good Professional Standing valid?

A4: A Letter of Good Professional Standing is valid for a period of three months from date of issue.

Q5: Must I register every year as a student?

A5: No, you register once-off as a student and thereafter maintain registration as a student by paying the annual student maintenance fee.

Q6: What is a prescribed qualification?

A6: A prescribed qualification is a veterinary or veterinary para-professional qualification as stipulated in the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Act, Act 19 of 1982. A prescribed qualification entitles the holder thereof to automatic registration with the professional council (i.e. no Council examination is needed in order to register).

The current prescribed qualifications are:

Veterinarians

BVSc, University of Pretoria

BVMCh, Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA)

Veterinary Nurses

Dip. Cur. Anim, University of Pretoria

Dip. Vet. Nur, University of Pretoria

Animal Health Technicians

BSc Agric (Animal Health), University of the North West

Diploma Animal Health, University of the North West

Diploma Animal Health, UNISA

Diploma Animal Health, TARDI

Veterinary Technologists

National Diploma in Veterinary Technology, Tshwane University of Technology

Q7: Are there any other veterinary qualifications accepted for automatic registration?

A7: The following veterinary qualifications are currently accredited for automatic registration (i.e. no Council examination is needed):

List issued 12 June 2015*
AUSTRALASIAN VETERINARY BOARDS COUNCIL (AVBC)
Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), University of Queensland, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), University of Melbourne, Australia Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), University of Melbourne, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), University of Sydney, Australia Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), University of Sydney, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS), Murdoch University, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Bioscience (BVSc), University of Adelaide, Australia Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), University of Adelaide, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), James Cook University, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Biology (BVBiol), Charles Sturt University, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), Charles Sturt University, Australia Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), Massey University, New Zealand
ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS (RCVS)
Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), University of Bristol, UK Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (VetMB), University of Cambridge, UK Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), University of Liverpool, UK Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed), Royal Veterinary College, London, UK Bachelor veterinary Medicine (BVM), University of Nottingham, UK Bachelor of Veterinary Surgery (BVS), University of Nottingham, UK Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S), University of Edinburgh, Scotland Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS), University of Glasgow, Scotland

* Please note that this list will change due to ongoing evaluation of qualifications. Contact the SAVC Registration Section for the latest information.

Dear Member

It is that time of the year that we need your kind co-operation for completion of a few annual formalities. This will only take a few minutes.

Annual Maintenance Fee and Update Notice

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 26 (1) and (2) read with section 28 (1) (b) of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act No 19 of 1982. The annual maintenance fees are due and payable on 1 April each year.

The invoice for your maintenance fee can be viewed in the attachment.

Should you no longer be practicing your profession due to ill health, you may be exempted from payment of the annual maintenance fees. A medical certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner must accompany an application for exemption, which should reach the Council offices before 30 April.

Exemption from paying the annual maintenance fee is granted to all members who turned 70 before 1 April 2016. Members who turned 65 before 1 April 2016 pay a reduced fee of R 330.

Special dispensations are considered on annual application (applications have to be renewed annually) submitted to the Registrar before 30 April for:

- Unemployed members
- Members who practice abroad
- Members who are not employed in the profession
- Full-time students

Proof of the relevant circumstances must be submitted in the application.

Please note that an administration fee of R 200 will be charged for any outstanding part of the maintenance fee paid after 30 June 2016.

Members who have not paid the annual maintenance fees by 30 September will be removed from the register. Members who are removed from the register have to re-register and pay a penalty fee.

Payment Information

Kindly use your registration number (D84/2323) as reference at the time of making the payment.

SAVC Banking details: ABSA Current Account number 020166762; Branch code: 632005; Foreign Transfer Swift ABSA-ZA-JJ.

You will be notified via e-mail/SMS approximately by the end of May 2016 when online payments via the new SAVC members' portal will be possible.

Update of details

Update your contact details: Please submit your changed details to the Council's office at registration@savc.org.za. You will be able to access the Web portal. Access to this platform will enable members to change their own contact details on the new data base system.

Facility registrations: In the event that you do not practice from a registered facility, please contact the Council's office at facilities@savc.org.za and register your facility.

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