

Accredited qualifications in South Africa

These are the only locally accredited qualifications eligible for automatic registration with the SAVC:

- Veterinarian: Bachelor of Veterinary Science – University of Pretoria
- Veterinary nurse: Bachelor in Veterinary Nursing – University of Pretoria
- Veterinary technologist: Bachelor of Health in Veterinary Technology – Tshwane University of Technology
- Animal health technician: Diploma in Animal Health – University of South Africa (Unisa)/North-West University/TARDI; BSc in Agriculture in Animal Health – North-West University
- Veterinary physiotherapist: BSc in Veterinary Physiotherapy – Equine-Librium College
- Laboratory animal technologist: (UK) IAT level 3; then three modules at UNISA: Jurisprudence, Pharmacology and Work Integrated Learning; and the SAVC registration examination
- Postgraduate MMedVet veterinary specialist degrees – University of Pretoria (the alternative route to veterinary specialisation is through a peer-review process – detailed information is available on the SAVC website)

If your qualification is not listed above, then you are not eligible for automatic registration to practise in South Africa. There are some degrees/diplomas/certificates offered locally that the SAVC does not recognise.

Adherence to international standards and mutual recognition agreements

The SAVC ensures that veterinary and para-veterinary professions in South Africa are aligned to international standards.

It is part of the International Accreditors Working Group, together with the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC), the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE).

Through mutual recognition agreements that the SAVC holds with counterparts in the United Kingdom (with the RCVS) and Australia and New Zealand (with the AVBC), veterinary professionals with qualifications from some of the training institutions in these regions can register in South Africa without having to sit the SAVC registration examination.

The SAVC monitors institutions and qualifications to ensure the standards of training are

aligned to international standards and best-practice, which involves monitoring individual subjects and regular visits to training institutions. The basis for the mutual recognition agreements is regular visitations to each other's institutions to monitor the agreed-upon training standards.

Internationally accredited qualifications

Accredited by the AVBC and eligible for automatic registration with the SAVC:

- 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

Accredited by the RCVS and eligible for automatic registration with the SAVC:

- 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 of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) – University of Nottingham, UK
- Bachelor of Veterinary Surgery (BVS) – University of Nottingham, UK
- Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Science (BVMSci) – University of Surrey, UK
- Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S) – University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS) – University of Glasgow, Scotland