



PREPARATION FOR THE SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION - 2026 VETERINARY PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Introduction

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) registration examination for foreign veterinary physiotherapy candidates will be offered on a yearly basis. Experience has shown that the SAVC registration examination is a difficult examination to pass and preparation should be extensive, thorough and in detail. The Examination Officer of the SAVC examinations suggests that prospective candidates give themselves eighteen (18) months to prepare for the examination. The following document is a guide to potential candidates on how to prepare themselves for the examination to optimise their chances of passing.

Structure of the examination

The examination consists of a Computer-Based Examination (CBE) including multiple choice questions, while the practical examination is a structured oral and practical in the major disciplines namely small animals and equines.

To do well in the CBE, the following information may help:

- Do not look at the answers before you have read the question carefully;
- Formulate your own answer to the question before looking at the answers supplied. This will prevent the answers from throwing you off guard;
- Eliminate all answers that according to your knowledge are incorrect;
- Read all the options before you answer;
- There is no guessing penalty in the examination, however, consider all options prior to responding;
- Do not alter your answer unless you have misread the question.

Experience has shown that most candidates who pass the theoretical component (CBE) pass the practical examination. Thorough theoretical preparation is still very important for the practical examination. Many veterinary physiotherapists attempting to pass the SAVC registration examination have limited practical experience with certain species like horses. If this is the case, it is recommended that you spend a couple of days in practice observing clinical practice.

Study material and contact details

- The SAVC is a regulatory body and not a training institution, therefore study material is not provided.
- Contact Equine-Librium College (044) 533 9513 to see if study material may be available at a cost.
- The Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, other veterinary related legislation and rules and regulations pertaining to the para-veterinary profession of veterinary nursing can be accessed at: www.savc.org.za
- The South African Animal Physical Rehabilitation Association (SAAPRA) can be reached on www.saapra.co.za

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