
[ACT 36/73]

Veterinary Surgeons (Council Election) Regulations, 1974

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Agriculture has approved the following regulations made by the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia in terms of section 48 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1973:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Council Election) Regulations, 1974.

Interpretation of terms

2. In these regulations—
   “form” means the appropriate form set out in the Schedule;
   “nomination-day” means the day appointed in the notice published in terms of subsection (1) of section 3;
   “polling-day” means the day appointed in terms of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 5;
   “scrutineer” means a person appointed in terms of section 8 as scrutineer for the purposes of an election;
   “voting-paper” means a voting-paper sent in terms of section 6.

Nominations to be called for

3. (1) The registrar shall publish in the Gazette—
   (a) on a date not later than the 3rd November, 1974, in respect of the election of members of the council for the period commencing immediately after the 3rd January, 1975; and
   (b) on a date not later than two months before the expiration of each subsequent triennial period;

   a notice, in form V.S. 1, inviting the submission of nominations and appointing a day on or before which nominations must be submitted.

   (2) Whenever a vacancy referred to in subsection (1) of section 12 of the Act occurs—

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(a) the registrar shall publish in the Gazette the notice referred to in subsection (1), appropriately modified; and

(b) if an election by vote to fill such a vacancy becomes necessary, the provisions of these regulations shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to such an election.

**Requirements for valid nomination**

4. No person shall be regarded as validly nominated for election as a member of the council unless—

   (a) a nomination-paper as nearly as possible in form V.S. 2 reaches the registrar not later than nomination-day; and

   (b) the nomination-paper states the Christian name and surname of the person proposed as a candidate, and such other particulars as are required by form V.S. 2; and

   (c) the person proposed as a candidate has signified his acceptance, in writing; and

   (d) the nomination-paper is signed by not less than two registered veterinary surgeons; and

   (e) each nomination-paper proposes one person only as a candidate for election.

**Procedure on receipt of nominations**

5. (1) If the number of persons validly nominated does not exceed the number of persons then to be elected, the persons so nominated shall be deemed to be duly elected.

   (2) If the number of persons validly nominated exceeds the number of persons then to be elected, the registrar shall publish in the Gazette a notice—

      (a) specifying the names of the persons who have been validly nominated; and

      (b) appointing a day, being not less than fourteen days after the publication of the notice, on or before which
every person entitled to vote at an election may send or deliver to the registrar a voting-paper.

(3) If, before polling-day, a person who has been validly nominated notifies the registrar, in writing, of the withdrawal of his candidature, and, owing to such withdrawal, the number of persons remaining validly nominated does not exceed the number of persons then to be elected, the persons so remaining shall be deemed to be duly elected.

Procedure if election necessary

6. (1) If an election by vote becomes necessary, the registrar shall, not less than fourteen days before polling-day, send by post to the address of every registered veterinary surgeon appearing on the register a voting-paper as nearly as possible in form V.S. 3.

(2) If any voting-paper sent in terms of subsection (1) is lost or destroyed, the registrar shall, if satisfied of the loss or destruction, and at the request of the person to whom it was sent, send or deliver to him a fresh voting-paper.

(3) Each voting-paper shall be numbered.

Voting

7. (1) Each voter wishing to record a vote shall mark upon the voting-paper received by him one cross against the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

(2) A voter shall be deemed to have spoiled his voting-paper, and no vote purporting to be recorded thereon shall be counted, if—

(a) he votes for more candidates than there are persons to be elected; or

(b) he votes more than once for the same person; or

(c) he returns more than one voting-paper.

(3) No vote recorded on a voting-paper shall be counted unless the voting-paper is received by the registrar not later than polling-day.
Appointment of scrutineer

8. If an election by vote becomes necessary, the council shall appoint a scrutineer for the purpose of assisting in the counting of votes.

Counting of votes

9. (1) The registrar shall, as soon as possible after polling-day, and in conjunction with the scrutineer, examine the voting-papers, reject spoilt voting-papers and ascertain the number of valid votes recorded for each candidate.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (4), the four candidates, or the candidate in the case of an election to fill such a vacancy as is referred to in subsection (1) of section 12 of the Act, for whom the greatest number of votes has been recorded, shall be duly elected to the council.

(3) As soon as possible after the election of members has been completed, the registrar shall publish in the Gazette the names of the members elected.

(4) If two or more candidates for a vacancy have received the same number of votes, and the addition of a vote would entitle any of the candidates to be elected to the council, the registrar shall immediately determine the election by lot in the presence of the scrutineer and any candidate or his representative who attends the counting of the votes.

Preservation of secrecy

10. (1) The registrar and the scrutineer, and any candidate or his representative present at the counting of the votes, shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting, and shall not communicate to any person any information likely to defeat the secrecy of the voting.

(2) The registrar and the scrutineer, and any candidate or his representative who attends the counting of the votes, shall make the declaration of secrecy contained in form V.S. 4 before a commissioner of oaths or a justice of the peace—
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(a) in the case of the registrar and the scrutineer, as soon as may be after nomination-day;

(b) in the case of a candidate or his representative attending the counting of the votes, before entering the place where the votes are to be counted.

Presence of candidate at counting of votes

11. No candidate or his representative shall attend the counting of the votes unless he has made the declaration of secrecy referred to in subsection (2) of section 10.

Destruction of nomination-papers and voting-papers

12. The registrar shall retain for six months all the nomination-papers and voting-papers, and then, unless otherwise directed by the council or a court of competent jurisdiction, shall cause them to be destroyed.

Schedule (Section 2)

V.S. 1

VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT, 1973

Notice of Election of Members of the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia

It is hereby notified, in terms of section 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons (Council Election) Regulations, 1974, published in Rhodesia Government Notice No. 142 of 1974, that an election of four registered veterinary surgeons as members of the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia to serve for a period of three years, beginning on the 4th January, 19..., is about to be held. Nominations to fill the vacancies are invited.

Every nomination-paper must reach the Registrar of Veterinary Surgeons, ................................................................., not later than ...................................................., 19..., which is the date appointed for the receipt of nomination-papers.

Nomination-papers may be obtained from the registrar.

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Registrar of Veterinary Surgeons.
VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT, 1973

NOMINATION-PAPER

Election of Members of the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia

We, the undersigned, do hereby nominate ............................................
(full name in block capitals)

................................................................. of .................................................................
(address in block capitals)

as a candidate for election as a member of the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia at the forthcoming election.

1) Name (block letters) .................................................................
Address .................................................................
Signature .................................................................
Date .................................................................

2) Name (block letters) .................................................................
Address .................................................................
Signature .................................................................
Date .................................................................

I, the undersigned, hereby consent to accept nomination as a candidate for election to the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia.

Signature .................................................................
Address .................................................................
Date .................................................................
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VOTING-PAPER

No. .........................

Election of Member or Members to the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia

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Vacancies for .................. elected members exist on the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia. A voter may vote for up to that number of candidates, and no more, by placing a mark (thus: X) in the space opposite the name of each of the candidates for whom he votes.

This paper must be sent to the Registrar of Veterinary Surgeons, at .............................................................., so as to reach him not later than the ........................................... day of ......................................................, 19......

*The names of all validly nominated candidates to be inserted in alphabetical order in this column.
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Declaration of Secrecy

I, .................................................................,

solemnly and sincerely declare that I will not, at the election of members
of the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Rhodesia, or at the counting of
the votes cast in such election, do anything forbidden by subsection (1) of
section 10 of the Veterinary Surgeons (Council Election) Regulations, 1974,
which is set out hereunder and which I have read.*

Signature ..................................................

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The above declaration was made and subscribed before me this

.................................................. day of ........................................, 19...

Signature ..................................................

Justice of the Peace/Commissioner of Oaths

* "10. (1) The registrar and the scrutineer, and any candidate or his
representative present at the counting of the votes, shall maintain and
aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting, and shall not communicate
to any person any information likely to defeat the secrecy of the voting."

† Here insert Registrar, Scrutineer, Candidate or Representative of
candidate, as the case may be.