
VETERINARY SURGEONS (LOCAL EXAMINATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1980

IT is hereby notified that the Council of Veterinary Surgeons, with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, has, in terms of section 26 and 48 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act [Chapter 227], made the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Local Examinations) Regulations, 1980.

2. In these regulations—
   "applicant" means an applicant for registration as a veterinary surgeon;
   "Board" means the Board of Examiners established in terms of section 3.

3. (1) There is hereby established a Board of Examiners for the purpose of examining applicants and conducting the local examination and for such purposes as may be required by the Act or these regulations.

   (2) The Board shall consist of at least three registered veterinary surgeons of not less than ten years' standing appointed by the Council, of whom one shall be appointed as Chairman of the Board, at least one shall be in private practice and at least one shall be in the Public Service.

4. (1) A person who wishes to be registered as a veterinary surgeon and is required to pass the local examinations, shall apply in writing to the Registrar and shall submit with his application—
   (a) a certificate of the degree or diploma on which he relies for the purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 26 of the Act, or a certified photostat copy thereof; and
   (b) such evidence as the Council may require of the period of full time study required for the obtaining of such degree or diploma; and
   (c) such documentation as the Council may require; and
   (d) an examination fee of sixty dollars; and
   (e) an invigilator’s fee of nine dollars.

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(2) All certificates and documents required in terms of subsection (1), shall be in the English language, except that in the case of certificates and documents expressed in a foreign language a certified translation into the English language of such certificates and documents shall be supplied therewith.

(3) The Registrar shall notify the Board of each application.

(4) The Board shall conduct the local examination within Zimbabwe at such times and such places as it may determine:

Provided that the local examination shall be—
(a) held not less than twice a year; and
(b) held not more than seven months from the date of the previous local examinations, unless a period of six months has elapsed from the previous local examinations and no application has been received during that period; and
(c) written and conducted in the English language.

(5) An applicant shall write all papers at the same local examinations.

(6) Where an applicant—
(a) has obtained at least fifty per centum of the possible marks in each individual paper, and has satisfied the Board at the oral examination, the Board shall issue a certificate of pass to the candidate;
(b) has failed to obtain at least fifty per centum of the possible marks in each individual paper, or has failed to satisfy the Board in the oral examination, he shall be advised, in writing, thereof by the Board.

(7) An applicant—
(a) who has been advised in terms of paragraph (b) of subsection (6), that he has failed to pass the local examinations shall, subject to his giving notice to the Registrar and paying a further examination fee and invigilator’s fee in terms of subsection (1) of this section, be entitled to re-write the local examinations at a later date;
(b) who re-writes the local examination shall not be exempted from re-writing the paper for which he may have obtained fifty per centum or more of the possible marks, nor from attending a further oral examination.

(8) Where, for any reason, the Board is unable to decide on the written papers submitted by an applicant, whether or not the knowledge of the applicant warrants the issue of a certificate of pass, the Board may, in its absolute discretion, examine the applicant viva voce on any part of the syllabus during his oral examination and, notwithstanding the marks obtained in the written papers, may issue a certificate of pass or may fail the applicant, as the case may be.

5. The examinations for the local examinations shall consist of—

(a) one three-hour paper on small animal medicine and surgery; and

(b) one three-hour paper on large animal medicine and surgery; and

(c) one two-hour practical examination; and

(d) one two-hour paper on legislation affecting veterinary practice in Zimbabwe, which shall be confined to questions of general principle of the laws, including any law which amends or repeals and re-enacts such a law and is in force one month prior to the date of the local examinations; and

(e) an oral examination on the ethics of the profession, with which may be combined a viva voce examination for the purposes of subsection (8) of section 4.

6. The Registrar shall dispose of all fees received by him in terms of subsection (1) of section 4 by paying—

(a) the examination fee or fees to members of the Board in equal shares;

(b) the invigilator's fee or fees to the invigilator or invigilators appointed by him to invigilate the examinations.