
[ACT 36/73]

Veterinary Surgeons (Veterinary Hospitals) Regulations, 1974

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Agriculture has approved the following rules 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 (Veterinary Hospitals) Regulations, 1974.

Interpretation of terms

2. In these regulations—

“approved” means approved by the Council;
“certificate of approval” means a certificate issued in terms of section 5;
“veterinary hospital” means premises used by a veterinary surgeon as an animal hospital.

Designation of veterinary hospitals

3. (1) No person conducting a veterinary hospital shall—

(a) designate it as such otherwise than by the use of one of the following titles or a combination of any two or more thereof—

(i) “Veterinary Hospital”; 
(ii) “Small Animal Hospital”;
(iii) “Large Animal Hospital”; 
(iv) “Equine Hospital”; 

or

(b) designate it as such by the use of a title, or combination of titles, referred to in paragraph (a) unless he holds a valid certificate of approval of the hospital.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply in respect of a veterinary hospital which was being conducted as such immediately before the date of commencement of these regulations until—

(a) the expiry of the period of three months following such date of commencement; or

(b) where, within the period referred to in paragraph (a), an application has been made for a certificate of
approval of the hospital and the application has not been determined, the date on which the application is determined; whichever is the later.

Application for approval of veterinary hospital

4. (1) A person conducting or proposing to conduct a veterinary hospital and wishing to secure a certificate of approval thereof shall make written application therefor to the Registrar.

(2) In making an application in terms of subsection (1), an applicant shall—

(a) give full particulars of how the provisions of section 6 will be complied with at the veterinary hospital to which the application relates; and

(b) if the application relates to a new veterinary hospital which it is proposed to construct, submit therewith detailed plans of the proposed hospital.

(3) On receipt of an application made in terms of subsection (1), the Registrar shall refer it to the Council.

Granting of approval of veterinary hospital

5. (1) If, on consideration of an application referred to it by the Registrar in terms of subsection (3) of section 4, it is satisfied that the provisions of section 6 will be complied with at the veterinary hospital concerned, the Council shall direct the Registrar to issue a certificate of approval to the applicant.

(2) Where the Council has directed him to issue a certificate of approval in terms of subsection (1), the Registrar shall forthwith, on payment by the applicant of a fee of ten dollars, issue to him a certificate of approval of the veterinary hospital concerned.

Standards to be met at approved veterinary hospitals

6. At every veterinary hospital in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held the requirements specified in the Schedule shall be satisfied to an approved standard.

Notice of alteration, etc., to be given to Council

7. Where it is proposed to alter or extend the premises of a
veterinary hospital in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held, the person conducting the hospital shall submit to the Council detailed plans of the proposed alterations or extensions.

**Inspection of approved veterinary hospitals**

8. (1) The Council may at any time and shall, within twelve months after the issue of the certificate of approval and thereafter at regular intervals of not more than twelve months, inspect or cause to be inspected by a member of the Council who is a registered veterinary surgeon every veterinary hospital in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held.

(2) No person shall hinder or obstruct the Council or a member thereof from carrying out an inspection in terms of this section.

(3) The person conducting a veterinary hospital to be inspected in terms of this section shall furnish to the Council or a member thereof, as the case may be, the means necessary for the proper carrying out of the inspection.

**Cancellation of certificate of approval**

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, if it appears to the Council that the provisions of section 6 have not been complied with at a veterinary hospital in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held, the Council may—

(a) serve notice in writing on the person conducting the hospital specifying the respects in which there has been a failure to comply with those provisions and requiring that the defects be remedied by a date to be specified therein; or

(b) withdraw its approval of the hospital and instruct the Registrar to cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(2) Before exercising the powers conferred on it by subsection (1), the Council shall—

(a) satisfy itself that the person conducting the veterinary hospital concerned has been informed of the respects in which it is alleged there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of section 6 and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to reply to those allegations; and
(b) take into account any reply referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) If, by the date specified in a notice served in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (1), the defects concerned have not been remedied to the satisfaction of the Council, the Council may withdraw its approval of the veterinary hospital concerned and instruct the Registrar to cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(4) If instructed in terms of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) or subsection (3) to cancel a certificate of approval the Registrar shall forthwith by notice in writing served on the person conducting the veterinary hospital concerned cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(5) The person conducting a veterinary hospital in respect of which the certificate of approval has been cancelled in terms of this section shall forthwith surrender the certificate of approval to the Registrar.

**SCHEDULE (Section 6)**

**REQUIREMENTS TO BE SATISFIED IN AN APPROVED VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

1. A record shall be maintained of all diagnoses and treatments.
2. There shall be an adequate supply of drugs.
3. There shall be suitable storage for vaccines and other biological products.
4. A laboratory suitably equipped to carry out routine clinical tests shall be provided.
5. Lay staff shall be employed—
   (i) of such experience and training in the care and nursing of hospitalized animals as may be approved; and
   (ii) in sufficient numbers to provide adequate 24 hour service.
6. Lay staff shall wear suitable uniforms.
7. A registered veterinary surgeon shall be available at all times to provide a prompt emergency service.
8. The hospital shall be adequately maintained and staffed with regard to cleanliness, decoration, laundry and other ancillary services.
9. Suitable X-ray facilities shall be provided.
10. Suitable anaesthetic services shall be available.
11. There shall be an approved means of sterilization for instruments and dressings.
12. Satisfactory arrangements shall be available for the disposal of—
   (i) dung and bedding; and
   (ii) used dressings; and
   (iii) cadavers.

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