



Riding Establishments Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 70

6 Interpretation.

- (1) References in this Act to the keeping of a riding establishment shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be construed as references to the carrying on of a business of keeping horses for either or both of the following purposes, that is to say, the purpose of their being let out on hire for riding or the purpose of their being used in providing, in return for payment, instruction in riding, but as not including a reference to the carrying on of such a business—
 - (a) in a case where the premises where the horses employed for the purposes of the business are kept are occupied by or under the management of the Secretary of State for Defence; or
 - (b) solely for police purposes; or
 - ^{F1}(c)
 - (d) by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland.
- (2) Where a university provides courses of study and examinations leading to a veterinary degree to which relates an order made under [^{F2}section 3 of the ^{M1}Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966] (which section enables the Privy Council, where a university provides such courses, and it appears to the Privy Council that the courses are of the standard therein mentioned, to direct that a holder of the degree to which the courses lead shall be qualified to be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons), horses kept by the university for use in the instruction of students undergoing such courses shall, during the continuance in force of the order, be deemed for the purposes of the foregoing subsection not to be kept as mentioned in that subsection.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act a person keeping a riding establishment shall be taken to keep it at the premises where the horses employed for the purposes of the business concerned are kept.
- (4) In this Act the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is to say—
 - ^{F3}“approved certificate” means—

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- (a) any one of the following certificates issued by the British Horse Society, namely, Assistant Instructor's Certificate, Instructor's Certificate and Fellowship;
- (b) Fellowship of the Institute of the Horse; or
- (c) any other certificate for the time being prescribed by order by the Secretary of State;

“authorised officer” means a person authorised by a local authority in pursuance of section 2 of this Act;

“horse” includes any mare, gelding, pony, foal, colt, filly or stallion and also any ass, mule or jennet;

“local authority” [^{F4}means a county council in Wales or a county borough council in Wales] . . . ^{F5} and in Scotland means [^{F6}a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994];

“premises” includes land;

“veterinary practitioner” means a person who is for the time being registered in the Supplementary Veterinary Register in pursuance of [^{F2}the ^{M2}Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966];

“veterinary surgeon” means a person who is for the time being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons in pursuance of [^{F2}the ^{M3}Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966].

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6(1)(c) omitted (E.W.) (1.10.2018) by virtue of [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/486), reg. 1(1)(b), **Sch. 9 para. 4(5)(a)** (with reg. 27)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966](#) (c. 36), **s. 28(8)**
- F3** Definitions inserted by [Riding Establishments Act 1970](#) (c. 32), **s. 5**
- F4** Words in s. 6(4) substituted (E.W.) (1.10.2018) by [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/486), reg. 1(1)(b), **Sch. 9 para. 4(5)(b)** (with reg. 27)
- F5** Words repealed by [Local Government Act 1972](#) (c. 70), Sch. 29 para. 42, **Sch. 30**
- F6** Words in s. 6(4) substituted (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 64**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(c)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1966 c. 36.
- M2** 1966 c. 36.
- M3** 1966 c. 36.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act repealed by [2006 asp 11 Sch. 2 para. 9\(i\)](#)