



# Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

## CHAPTER 36

### VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1966

#### *The Council*

- 1 The Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

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- 1A Functions of the College as competent authority

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- 2 Register of veterinary surgeons.
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- 4 Examination by the College of students of certain universities.
- 5 Supervisory functions of the Council.
- 5A Registration of Community rights entitled persons: European qualifications
- 5B Registration of Community rights entitled persons: knowledge and skill
- 5ZBA Requirement to demonstrate knowledge of language
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- 5CCA Appeals in connection with alerts sent to other competent authorities
- 5CD Appeals under sections 5C, 5CA, 5CB, 5CC and 5CCA
- 5CE Appeals from decisions on appeals under sections 5C, 5CA, 5CB, 5CC and 5CCA

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- 5D Registration appeals committee
- 6 Qualification for registration as a Commonwealth or foreign practitioner.
- 7 Temporary registration.
- 7A Visiting European veterinary surgeons
- 8 Supplementary veterinary register.

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- 15 Preliminary investigation and disciplinary committees.
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- 19 Restriction of practice of veterinary surgery by unqualified persons.
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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Provisions as to the Council

*Tenure of office of members and of President and Vice-Presidents*

- 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the term...
- 2 Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the term of...
- 3 A member of the Council may at any time, by...
- 3A (1) A member of the Council may be removed from...
- 4 An elected member of the Council ceases to hold office...

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- 4A A member of the Council appointed by virtue of section...
- 4B A member of the Council appointed by virtue of section...
- 5 If a recognition order ceases to be in force for...

*Elections, appointments and casual vacancies*

- 6 (1) Elections or appointments to fill any vacancy occurring under...
- 7 (1) Where a casual vacancy occurs among the elected members...
- 8 (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the...
- 9 Elections of elected members of the Council shall be conducted...
- 10 A scheme under the last foregoing paragraph may be amended...

*Supplementary*

- 11 The powers of the Council and any of its committees...
- 12 Provisions as to the Council
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- 14 The Chief Veterinary Officer for the United Kingdom—

SCHEDULE 1A — REGISTRATION OF COMMUNITY RIGHTS ENTITLED PERSONS: EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION

*Recognised European qualifications*

- 1 (1) A person who holds a qualification referred to in...

*Other qualifications acquired prior to member State membership of the European Union*

- 2 (1) A person who holds a qualification of a kind...

*Other qualifications granted in relevant European States*

- 3 (1) A person who holds a qualification in veterinary surgery...
- 4 In this Schedule, “relevant qualification” means the qualification by virtue...
- 5 In this Schedule “Table B” means Table B below.  
— TABLE A

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— TABLE B

*Other qualifications acquired prior to member State membership of the European Union*

SCHEDULE 1B — VISITING VETERINARY SURGEONS FROM RELEVANT EUROPEAN STATES

- 1 Application and interpretation
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- 8 Registrar’s duty to notify person appearing not to have entitlement

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PART I — CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES

- 1 Constitution of the committees
  - 2 (1) The following may not be members of the preliminary...
  - 3 (1) The quorum for a meeting of the preliminary investigation...
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  - 6 (1) For the purpose of advising the disciplinary committee on...

SCHEDULE 3 — Exemptions from Restrictions on Practice of Veterinary Surgery

Part I — TREATMENT AND OPERATIONS WHICH MAY BE GIVEN OR  
CARRIED OUT BY UNQUALIFIED PERSONS

- 1 Any minor medical treatment given to an animal by its...
- 2 Any medical treatment or any minor surgery (not involving entry...
- 3 The rendering in an emergency of first aid for the...
- 4 The performance by any person of or over the age...
- 5 The performance, by any person of the age of seventeen...
- 6 Any medical treatment or any minor surgery (not involving entry...
- 7 Any medical treatment or any minor surgery (not involving entry...

Part II — EXCLUSIONS FROM PROVISIONS OF PART I

Nothing in section 19(4)(b) of this Act shall authorise—

SCHEDULE 4 — Enactments Repealed

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