

**The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) was established in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, Act No 19 of 1982 and only persons who are registered with the Council may practice as veterinarians in South Africa.**

The position with regards to registration is as follows:

**1. SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS**

Persons holding the qualifications prescribed in the Act and Regulations are entitled to automatic registration with the Council on receipt of the requisite application form and fee. At present this refers only to the BVSc from the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria.

**2. PERSONS QUALIFIED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND**

Persons holding the following degrees are also entitled to automatic registration:

**United Kingdom**

- University of Bristol - Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- University of Cambridge - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (VetMB)
- University of Edinburgh - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM&S)
- University of Glasgow - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS)
- University of Liverpool - Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- University of Nottingham - Bachelor Veterinary Medicine (BVM) and Bachelor of Veterinary Surgery (BVS)
- Royal Veterinary College London - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)

**Australia**

- Murdoch University – Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS)
- The University of Adelaide – Bachelor of Veterinary Bioscience (BVSc)
- The University of Sydney – Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- The University of Melbourne - Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- The University of Queensland - Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- Charles Sturt University – Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)
- James Cook University – Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)

**New Zealand**

- Massey University - Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc)

**3. PERSONS WITH FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS**

The acceptance of persons as set out in Item 2 above are based on signed reciprocity agreements between the SAVC and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) and the SAVC and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). Persons with qualifications from any other institution throughout the world are required to pass an examination prior to being registered in South Africa. This requirement must not be construed in any way as a comment on the standard or quality of other educational training, but is purely related to the fact that no agreement of reciprocity exists between this Council and the registering authorities of these countries.

Such persons shall submit an application to the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) for permission to enrol for the examination. Applications for permission to write must be received by the SAVC Administration on or before 30 April. If permission is granted, the applicant is required to sit the examination in October or at a date as advised by Council of the same year in Pretoria or a venue to be advised. Please note that an examination will be required unless the Council expressly decides otherwise.

#### **4. COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE (CCS)**

In terms of regulation 2.1 of the Regulations relating to the performance of compulsory community service (CCS), Persons Who Shall Perform Compulsory Community Service, published in Government Gazette No. 39380, Notice NO. R. 1082, on 9 November 2015 compulsory community service shall be performed by every person registering for the first time as a veterinarian in terms of the Act and shall include a person who obtained his or her qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa, unless exempted in terms of these regulations.

Regulation 7 provides for the circumstances under which certain persons may be exempted from the performance of compulsory community service and reads as follows:

*"The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, exempt persons who fall within the following categories from compulsory community service:*

- a) Persons who obtained veterinary related post graduate qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa; or*
- b) Persons who belong to para-veterinary professions."*

**CHECKLIST ON REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION  
SAVC REGISTRATION EXAMINATION - 2021  
VETERINARIANS**

**NOTE:** Examination documents are revised annually. Always consult the SAVC's website [www.savc.org.za](http://www.savc.org.za) for the latest information.

Examination-related queries can be forwarded to Ms Lenora Erasmus at [edu.coordinator@savc.org.za](mailto:edu.coordinator@savc.org.za)

REQUIREMENTS	NOTES
<b>1. Application on the prescribed application form* by no later than 30 April</b>	<p><b>Read the instructions carefully. Applications and supporting documents must <u>not</u> be submitted separately.</b></p> <p>The application must be signed by the applicant before a Commissioner of Oaths in SA (or at the SA embassy abroad) who will verify that the applicant read and understands the examination rules. A copy of the examination rules is available on the SAVC website (<a href="https://www.savc.org.za/application-formapplication-and-information-to-register-for-the-full-registration-examination-to-register-for-the-savc-registration-examination-for-veterinarians">https://www.savc.org.za/application-formapplication-and-information-to-register-for-the-full-registration-examination-to-register-for-the-savc-registration-examination-for-veterinarians</a>). Application is to be submitted by no later than 30 April.</p> <p><b>It is advisable to courier rather than post the application to ensure that the deadline is met.</b></p> <p><b><i>*If an application is transferred to the next year, then a new updated application form must be submitted.</i></b></p>
<b>2. Administration fee</b> <i>[Amount available from the SAVC Administration annually after February]</i>	<p>Non-refundable and non-transferable administration fee.</p> <p>Payment to:  <b>Account holder: SAVC</b>  <b>Bank: ABSA</b>  <b>Branch: Hatfield</b>  <b>Type of account: Cheque</b>  <b>Account number: 020 166 762 Branch code: 632 005</b>  <b>Swift code: ABSA-ZA-JJ</b>  <b>IBAN NO: 020 166 762 632 005</b>          by no later than 30 April.</p> <p>NB: Indicate a clear reference using surname, initials and year of examination (e.g. Modiba TL 2019).</p> <p>Submit proof of payment to the SAVC Administration on <a href="mailto:exams@savc.org.za">exams@savc.org.za</a>.</p> <p>Attach a copy to the application.</p>
<b>3. Examination fee</b>	<p>Non-refundable and transferable only <u>once</u> to the next year with accrual of examination fees for the following year's examination fee.</p>

<p><i>[Amount available from the SAVC Administration annually after February]</i></p>	<p>Payment to: Account holder: SAVC Bank: ABSA Branch: Hatfield Type of account: Cheque Account number: 020 166 762 Branch code: 632 005 Swift code: ABSA-ZA-JJ IBAN NO: 020 166 762 632 005 by no later than 30 April.</p> <p>NB: Indicate a clear reference using surname, initials and year of examination (e.g. Modiba TL 2020).</p> <p>Submit proof of payment to the SAVC Administration on <a href="mailto:exams@savc.org.za">exams@savc.org.za</a>.</p> <p>Payments must be made in full by 30 April and <u>no</u> down payments will be accepted after 30 April.</p>
<p><b>4. A clear original passport / ID photograph</b></p>	<p>The applicant should write his/her name on the back of the photograph and staple it to the front of the application form.</p>
<p><b>5. Certified true copies of veterinary qualification certificates</b> <i>[All certificates must be translated into English]</i></p>	<p>Certified means that a Commissioner of Oaths attested to the fact that the copy is a true copy of the original document.</p> <p>To confirm authenticity, original certificates must be produced prior to sitting the examination and on the first day of the examination.</p> <p>All applications must be forwarded as a complete set of documents, translated into English and certified as true copies.</p>
<p><b>6. Assessment of qualifications</b></p>	<p>If the applicant is applying for the first time to sit the SAVC's exam (with particular reference to foreign qualifications), then the SAVC may request insight into the full details of the curriculum prior to giving permission to apply to sit the examination.</p> <p>Candidates who obtained veterinary qualifications from the AVMA list indicated on the SAVC website (see <a href="http://www.savc.org.za">www.savc.org.za</a>) will not be requested to submit detailed curricula. If your qualification is not listed, you'll be required to submit the required documentation by end December of the preceding year you intend to sit the exam e.g. curriculum documentation need to be submitted by December 2020 to sit the examination in 2021. Council, however, reserves the right to request detailed curriculum from</p>

	<p>any candidate, regardless of whether the qualification appears on the list or not.</p> <p>Please note that submission of curricula does not automatically guarantee a place in the examination.</p>
<b>7. A certificate of good standing*</b>	<p>The certificate of good standing must be issued within the last three (3) months by: the veterinary authorities in the country in which the applicant has been registered as a veterinarian OR from the present employer OR in the absence of a professional Council/Board or registering authority, then a certified reference from the faculty where the applicant qualified. This reference should be submitted within three (3) years of qualifying from the faculty.</p> <p><b><i>*If an application is transferred to the next year then a new updated certificate of good standing must be submitted.</i></b></p>
<b>8. A police clearance certificate*</b>	<p>The police clearance certificate must not be older than three (3) months and must be from the country where the applicant resides.</p> <p><b><i>*If an application is transferred to the next year then a new updated police clearance certificate must be submitted.</i></b></p>
<b>9. Certified proof of identity i.e. passport/ID</b>	The original passport/identity document must be provided on the first day of the examination.
<b>10. Certified copy of applicant's legal permit i.e. work, study or other legal entry visa</b>	If the applicant is working in South Africa, then the work/residence permit must accompany the application if the applicant is not a South African citizen.
<b>11. Entry and expiry dates of legal permit</b>	The entry permit must be provided on the first day of the examination.
<b>12. Proof of proficiency in English (TOEFL)</b>	<p>Proficiency in English must be demonstrated by providing proof of the successful completion of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) to sit both the Computer Based Examination (CBE) and to undertake the Practical Examination.</p> <p>The requirement is waived for persons whose medium of instruction for their veterinary training was in English and proof is furnished e.g. proof of English being the language of teaching at the tertiary institution of training.</p>



**Sub-minimum requirements for the veterinary examination**

In order to be registered with the SAVC, a candidate must pass both the Computer Based Examination and the Practical Examination.

<b>COMPUTER BASED EXAMINATION (CBE)</b>			
DAY 1		DAY 2	
PAPER 1 (90 marks)	PAPER 2 (90 marks)	PAPER 3 (90 marks)	PAPER 4 (90 marks)
(No sub-minimum)	(No sub-minimum)	(No sub-minimum)	(No sub-minimum)
Progression mark for Computer Based Examination: 60%			

Only candidates who pass the Computer Based Examination by achieving a progression mark of 60% will be allowed entry into the Practical Examination.

<b>PRACTICAL EXAMINATION</b>		
DAY 1		
PANEL 1 - Companion Animals (including equines)	PANEL 2 – Production Animals	PANEL 3 – Pathology and Veterinary Public Health (VPH)
(Sub-minimum: 45%)	(Sub-minimum: 45%)	(Sub-minimum: 45%)
Sub-minimum for Practical Examination: 50%		

To pass the Practical Examination a candidate has to achieve an average of 50%, as well as a sub-minimum of 45% per panel. Any mark below 45% will be considered a fail.

**Final mark**

A final combined mark of 50% is required to pass the Registration Examination and allow registration. The final combined mark will be calculated as follows:

Computer Based Examination	50%
Practical Examination	50%

[REF: VC6/10]