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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEES

[^{F1}PART I

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 Pt. I substituted (6.4.2013) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of Veterinary Surgeons Preliminary Investigation and Disciplinary Committees\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/103\)](#), arts. 1(2), 2

Constitution of the committees

1. (1) The members of the preliminary investigation committee and the disciplinary committee are to be appointed by the Council.
 - (2) The preliminary investigation committee is to consist of no fewer than nine and no more than 15 members.
 - (3) The disciplinary committee is to consist of no fewer than 20 and no more than 40 members.
 - (4) In the case of both committees, at least a third of the persons appointed to be members must be registered persons and at least a third must be lay persons.
 - (5) For both committees, the Council must designate a member to act as its chair.
 - (6) A member of the preliminary investigation committee or disciplinary committee may hold office—
 - (a) for such term as may be determined by the Council, and
 - (b) for so long as the member satisfies such conditions about fitness to be a member as may be determined by the Council.
2. (1) The following may not be members of the preliminary investigation committee or the disciplinary committee—
 - (a) a member of the Council;
 - (b) an employee of the Council;
 - (c) an employee of the College.
 - (2) A person who has been appointed to be a member of the preliminary investigation committee on two occasions on or after 1 July 2013 is not eligible for reappointment to that committee.

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- (3) A person who has been appointed to be a member of the disciplinary committee on two occasions on or after 1 July 2013 is not eligible for reappointment to that committee.
- (4) No person who, as a member of the preliminary investigation committee, acted with respect to any case may, as a member of the disciplinary committee, act with respect to that case.
- 3. (1) The quorum for a meeting of the preliminary investigation committee is to be three, of whom—
 - (a) one must be a lay person; and
 - (b) one must be a registered person.
- (2) The quorum for a meeting of the disciplinary committee is to be five, of whom—
 - (a) two must be lay persons; and
 - (b) two must be registered persons.

Transitional provision

- 3A. (1) In the period ending with 30 June 2015—
 - (a) paragraph 1(2) has effect as if the reference to nine persons were a reference to six persons;
 - (b) paragraph 1(3) has effect as if the reference to 20 persons were a reference to 12 persons; and
 - (c) paragraph 2(1)(a) does not have effect.
- (2) An elected member of the preliminary investigation committee or the disciplinary committee whose term is unexpired at the end of the day on 5 April 2013 may remain in office for the remainder of the term for which the member was elected.
- (3) During the period ending with 30 June 2015, where a person who continues in office under sub-paragraph (2) ceases to be a member of the committee, or a person who is elected under this sub-paragraph ceases to be a member of the committee, the Council may elect a member of the Council to be a member of the committee in question for a term of one year or, if shorter, until the end of the day on 30 June 2015.
- (4) While any member of a committee holds that office by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) or (3), this Schedule has effect as if the references in paragraph 1(1) and (4) to appointment by the Council included references to election by the Council.

Interpretation

- 3B. In this Part—
 - “lay person” means an individual who—
 - (a) is not and never has been a registered person, and
 - (b) is not and never has been entitled to apply to be registered in the register or the supplementary veterinary register;
 - “registered person” means an individual who—
 - (a) is registered, or entitled to be registered, in the register otherwise than under section 7 (temporary registration), or
 - (b) is registered, or entitled to be registered, in the supplementary veterinary register.]

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