



Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 36

Registration and qualification for registration

^{F16} **Qualification for registration as a Commonwealth or foreign practitioner.**

- (1) A person who shows to the satisfaction of the registrar—
- (a) that he is of good character,
 - (b) that he ^{F2}...
 - (i) ^{F3}[holds a Commonwealth or foreign qualification in veterinary surgery]; ^{F4}...
 - ^{F4}(ii)
 - (c) that he has satisfied the Council that he has the requisite knowledge and skill to fit him for practising veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom, [^{F5}and
 - (d) that he has a knowledge of language sufficient to practise as a veterinary surgeon in the United Kingdom,]

shall be entitled [^{F6}under this section] to be registered in the register and on being so registered shall become a member of the College.

^{F7}(1A)

- (2) Without prejudice to any other steps which the Council may take for the purpose of satisfying themselves that a person has [^{F8}the requisite knowledge and skill to fit the person for practising veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom] , the Council shall for that purpose, except in a case falling within the next following subsection, require him to sit for examinations held for the purposes of this section by or under arrangements made by the College.
- (3) If a Commonwealth or foreign qualification held by a person is of a kind accepted for the time being by the Council as constituting, in itself, satisfactory proof of that person's possessing the requisite knowledge and skill to fit him for practising veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom, that person shall be taken to have satisfied the Council that he has the said knowledge and skill.
- (4) The Council may make regulations as to the examinations to be held for the purposes of this section, and may include in the regulations provisions for withdrawing the right

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to sit for any such examinations from a person who has not paid the fee prescribed by the regulations for sitting for the examinations, or from a person who has previously failed to pass such examinations on such number of occasions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

- (5) The Council may direct that a particular person who has passed the examinations required to obtain a Commonwealth or foreign qualification shall be treated for the purposes of this section as a person holding a Commonwealth or foreign qualification, as the case may be.

^{F9}(6)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 5B, 5BA substituted for s. 5B (6.8.2008) by [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1824\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. para. 7** (with reg. 4)
- F2** Word in s. 6(1)(b) omitted (18.1.2016) by virtue of [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition and Knowledge of Language\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2073\)](#), regs. 1(b), **11(a)(i)**
- F3** S. 6(1)(b)(i); words in s. 6(1)(b) renumbered as s. 6(1)(b)(i) (18.1.2016) by [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition and Knowledge of Language\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2073\)](#), regs. 1(b), **11(a)(ii)**
- F4** S. 6(1)(b)(ii) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Veterinary Surgeons and Animal Welfare \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/454\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(10)(a)** (with regs. 3-5A) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1225](#), regs. 1(3), 22 and [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 2 paras. 2, 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** S. 6(1)(d) and word inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition and Knowledge of Language\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2073\)](#), regs. 1(b), **11(b)**
- F6** Words in s. 6(1) inserted (18.1.2016) by [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition and Knowledge of Language\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/2073\)](#), regs. 1(b), **11(c)**
- F7** S. 6(1A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Veterinary Surgeons and Animal Welfare \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/454\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(10)(b)** (with regs. 3-5A) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1225](#), regs. 1(3), 22 and [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 2 paras. 2, 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** Words in s. 6(2) substituted (6.8.2008) by [The Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications \(European Recognition\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1824\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. para. 10(2)** (with reg. 4)
- F9** S. 6(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Veterinary Surgeons and Animal Welfare \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/454\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(10)(b)** (with regs. 3-5A) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1225](#), regs. 1(3), 22 and [S.I. 2020/1038](#), regs. 1(3), Sch. 2 paras. 2, 3); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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