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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 1348**

**VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**The Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications  
(European Recognition) Order 2007**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd May 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th May 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>30th May 2007</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 2nd day of May 2007

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of Her powers under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2007 and comes into force on 30th May 2007.

**Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966**

2. Amend the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966<sup>(2)</sup> as set out in the Schedule.

**Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2003**

3.—(1) Amend the Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2003<sup>(3)</sup> as follows.

(2) In article 2 (interpretation)—

- (a) omit the definition of “EEA Agreement”;
- (b) for the definition of “member State” substitute—

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(1) 1972 c.68.

(2) 1966 c.36; sections 2(2)(a), 6(6) and 27(1) and Schedule 1A were amended and sections 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D were inserted by the Schedule to [S.I. 2003/2919](#).

(3) [S.I. 2003/2919](#).

““member State” means EEA State or Switzerland;” and

(c) for the definition of “the Recognition Directive” substitute—

““the Recognition Directive” means Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services;”(4).

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Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

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(4) OJ No L 362, 23.12.78, p1, as last amended by Council Directive [2006/100/EC](#) (OJ No L 363, 20.12.06, p141).

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

#### Section 5A

1.—(1) Amend section 5A (right of holders of recognised European qualifications to be registered) as follows.

(2) For the title and subsections (1) and (2) substitute—

**“5A Registration of member State nationals: European qualification**

(1) A person who is a national of a member State is entitled to be registered in the register if—

(a) he is an eligible European veterinary surgeon, and

(b) he produces to the registrar the required additional documentation (if any).

(2) A person shall become a member of the College on being registered under subsection (1).”.

(3) For subsection (6) substitute—

“(6) Schedule 1A sets out the requirements for eligibility for registration of European veterinary surgeons and the required additional documentation.”.

(4) After subsection (6) insert—

“(7) This section is subject to the other provisions of this Act and any Order in Council under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.”.

#### Section 5B

2. For the title to section 5B (applications by nationals of member States who do not have Scheduled European qualifications) substitute—

**“5B”. Registration of member State nationals: knowledge and skill**

#### Section 27

3. In section 27 (interpretation)—

(a) omit the definitions of “EEA Agreement”, “the Recognition Directive”, “Scheduled European qualification” and “the Training Directive”; and

(b) for the definition of “member State” substitute—

““member State” means EEA state or Switzerland;”.

#### Schedule 1A

4. For Schedule 1A substitute—

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## Section 5A

## REGISTRATION OF MEMBER STATE NATIONALS: EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION

*Recognised European qualifications*

1.—(1) A person who holds a qualification referred to in Table A is an eligible European veterinary surgeon.

(2) If the relevant qualification of such a person was granted—

(a) on or after the date on which the granting State implemented the Recognition Directive, and

(b) in respect of training commenced on or after that date,

no additional documentation is required to be produced to the registrar under section 5A(1)(b).

(3) If the relevant qualification of such a person was granted—

(a) before the date on which the granting State implemented the Recognition Directive, or

(b) on or after that date but in respect of training commenced before that date,

the required additional documentation is as set out in sub-paragraph (4).

(4) That documentation is either—

(a) a certificate from the competent authority of the granting State which states that the relevant qualification meets the requirements of the Training Directive, or

(b) a certificate from the competent authority of any member State which states that the person has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of the certificate.

*Other qualifications acquired prior to member State membership*

2.—(1) A person who holds a qualification of a kind referred to in column 2 of Table B is an eligible European veterinary surgeon.

(2) In relation to such a person, the required additional documentation is the documentation referred to in column 3 of Table B opposite the entry in column 2 for the relevant qualification.

(3) This paragraph does not apply to a person who is an eligible European veterinary surgeon under paragraph 1.

*Other qualifications granted in member States*

3.—(1) A person who holds a qualification in veterinary surgery granted in a member State, other than a qualification in either Table A or Table B, is an eligible European veterinary surgeon.

(2) If the relevant qualification of such a person was granted—

(a) on or after the date on which the granting State implemented the Training Directive, and

(b) in respect of training commenced on or after that date,

the required additional documentation is a certificate from the competent authority of the granting State which states that the relevant qualification meets the requirements of the Training Directive and is treated by the granting State as equivalent to a qualification of a kind referred to in Table A.

(3) If the relevant qualification of such a person was granted—

(a) before the date on which the granting State implemented the Training Directive, or

(b) on or after that date but in respect of training commenced before that date, the required additional documentation is a certificate from the competent authority of any member State which states that the person has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of the certificate.

### *Interpretation*

4. For the purposes of this Schedule a member State is to be regarded as having implemented the Recognition Directive or the Training Directive on the date notified to the Commission as the date on which it did so.

5. In this Schedule—

“granting State” means the member State in which a relevant qualification was granted;

“the Recognition Directive” means Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services;

“relevant qualification” means the qualification by virtue of which a person is an eligible European veterinary surgeon; and

“the Training Directive” means Council Directive [78/1027/EEC](#) concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of the activities of veterinary surgeons.

6. Any reference in this Schedule to Table A or Table B is a reference to the appropriate one of these tables—

TABLE A

### *Recognised European qualifications*

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
Austria.	1. Diplom-Tierarzt (Diploma – Veterinary Surgeon). 2. Magister medicinae veterinariae (Master of Veterinary Medicine).	Universität (University).	1. Doktor der Veterinärmedizin (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). 2. Doctor medicinae veterinariae (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). 3. Fachtierarzt (Specialist Veterinary Surgeon).
Belgium.	— Diploma van dierenarts (Diploma of	1. De universiteiten/ les universités (Universities).	

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<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
	Veterinary Surgeon). — Diplôme de docteur en médecine vétérinaire (Diploma of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine).	2. De bevoegde Examencommissie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap/le Jury compétent d'enseignement de la Communauté française. (The Competent Examining Board of Flemish or French Community).	
Bulgaria.	Диплома за висше образование на образователно-квалификационна степен магистър по специалност Ветеринарна медицина с професионална квалификация Ветеринарен лекар  (Diploma of Higher Education for Educational Qualification level of Masters, specialising in Veterinary Medicine with Professional Qualification in Veterinary Surgery).	1. Лесотехнически университет - Факултет по ветеринарна медицина (University of Forestry Management – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine). 2. Тракийски университет - Факултет по ветеринарна медицина (Trakiski University – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine).	
Cyprus.	Πιστοποιητικό Εγγραφής Κτηνιάτρου  (Certificate of Registration of Veterinary surgeon).	Κτηνιατρικό Συμβούλιο  (Veterinary Council).	
Czech Republic.	1. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním programu veterinární lékařství (doktor veterinární medicíny, MVDr.) (Diploma of doctor of	Veterinární fakulta univerzity v České republice  (Veterinary faculty of a university in the Czech Republic).	

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
	<p>veterinary medicine, abbreviation MVDr.).</p> <p>2. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním programu veterinární hygiena a ekologie (doktor veterinární medicíny, MVDr.) (Diploma of doctor of veterinary hygiene and ecology, abbreviation MVDr.).</p>		
Denmark.	Bevis for bestået kandidateksamen i veterinærvidenskab (Certificate of success in the masters examination in veterinary sciences).	Kongelige Veterinaer- og Landbohøjskole (Royal Veterinary and Agricultural College).	
Estonia.	Diplom: täitnud veterinaarmeditsiini õppekava  (Diploma in veterinary medicine).	Eesti Põllumajandusülikool (Estonian Agricultural University).	
Finland.	Eläinlääketieteen lisensiaatin tutkinto / veterinärmedicine licentiatexamen (Licentiate degree examination in veterinary medicine).	Helsingin yliopisto / Helsingfors universitet (University of Helsinki).	
France.	Diplôme d'Etat de docteur vétérinaire (State Diploma of Veterinary Doctor).		
Germany.	Zeugnis über das Ergebnis des Dritten Abschnitts der Tierärztlichen Prüfung	Der Vorsitzende des Prüfungsausschusses für die Tierärztliche Prüfung einer Universität oder Hochschule	

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<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
	und das Gesamtergebnis der Tierärztlichen Prüfung (Certificate showing the result of the third section of the veterinary examination and the overall result of the veterinary examination).	(The Chairman of the Examination Board for the Veterinary Examination at a University or College).	
Greece.	Πτυχίο Κτηνιατρικής (Ptikio Ktiniatrikis).	Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης και Θεσσαλίας  (Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences of the Aristotle University of Saloniki or the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Aristotle University of Saloniki or Thessaly).	
Hungary.	Állatorvos doktor oklevél – dr.med.vet.  (Diploma of veterinary surgeon, abbreviated as dr.med.vet.).	Szent István Egyetem Állatorvos-tudományi Kar  (Faculty of Veterinary Sciences of Szent István University).	
Iceland.	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other member States.		Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority.
Ireland.	1. Diploma of Bachelor in/ of Veterinary Medicine (MVB). 2. Diploma of Membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS).		
Italy.	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria (Graduate in Veterinary Medicine).	Università (University).	Diploma di abilitazione all'esercizio della medicina veterinaria (Diploma of qualification in



<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
			the practice of Veterinary Medicine).
Latvia.	Veterinārārsta diploms (Diploma of veterinary surgeon).	Latvijas Lauksaimniecības Universitāte (Latvian University of Agriculture).	
Liechtenstein.	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other member States.		Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority.
Lithuania.	Aukštojo mokslo diplomas (veterinarijos gydytojo (DVM)) (Diploma of higher education in veterinary medicine).	Lietuvos Veterinarijos Akademija (Lithuanian Veterinary Academy).	
Luxembourg.	Diplôme d'Etat de docteur en médecine vétérinaire (State Diploma of Doctor in Veterinary Medicine).	Jury d'examen d'Etat (State Examination Commission).	
Malta.	Liċenzja ta' Kirurgu Veterinarju (Licence in Veterinary Surgery).	Kunsill tal-Kirurgi Veterinarji (Council of Veterinary Surgeons).	
Netherlands.	Getuigschrift van met goed gevolg afgelegd diergeneeskundig/veeartsenijkundig examen (Testimonial of Successful Passing of the Veterinary Examination).		
Norway.	Vitnemål for fullført grad  Candidata/candidatus medicinae veterinariae, (Certificate of completion of a degree in veterinary medicine) short form: cand.med.vet.	Norges veterinærhøgskole (Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine).	

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<i>Member State</i>	<i>Title of qualification</i>	<i>Awarding body</i>	<i>Certificate accompanying qualification</i>
Poland.	Dyplom lekarza weterynarii  (Diploma of Veterinary Surgeon).	1. Szkoła Główna Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego w Warszawie (Warsaw University of Economy and Rural Affairs). 2. Akademia Rolnicza we Wrocławiu (Agricultural University of Wrocław). 3. Akademia Rolnicza w Lublinie (Agricultural University of Lublin). 4. Uniwersytet Warmińsko-Mazurski w Olsztynie (University of Olsztyn, in the Warmia and Mazury region).	
Portugal.	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinária (Diploma of Degree Course in Veterinary Medicine).	Universidade (University).	
Romania.	Diplomă de licență de doctor medic veterinar  (Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Medicine).	Universități (Universities).	
Slovakia.	Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu 'doktor veterinárskej medicíny' ('MVDr.')	Univerzita veterinárskeho lekárstva  (University of Veterinary Medicine).	
	(Diploma of doctor of veterinary medicine, abbreviation MVDr.).		
Slovenia.	Diploma, s katero se podeljuje strokovni naslov 'doktor veterinarske medicine / doktorica veterinarske medicine'  (Diploma awarding the professional title of	Univerza (University).	Spričevalo o opravljenem državnem izpitu s področja veterinarstva  (Certificate of having passed the state examination

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	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DrVetMed)).		in the field of veterinary medicine).
Spain.	Titulo de Licenciado en Veterinaria (Graduate Degree in Veterinary Science).	Ministerio de Educación y Cultura/El rector de una Universidad (The Ministry of Education and Culture/The Rector of a University).	
Sweden.	Veterinärexamen (Veterinary Examination).	Sveriges Landbruksuniversitet (Swedish Agricultural University).	
Switzerland.	Titulaire du diplôme fédéral de vétérinaire / eidgenössisch diplomierter Tierarzt / titolare di diploma federale di veterinario (The holder of a Federal Veterinary Diploma).	Département fédéral de l'intérieur (Federal Department of Home Affairs).	

TABLE B

*Other qualifications acquired prior to member State membership*

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Required additional documentation</i>
Czech Republic.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Czechoslovakia before 1 January 1993, or (b) for which the training started in the former Czechoslovakia before 1 January 1993.	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Czech authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in the Czech Republic as Czech qualifications in veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and (b) a certificate issued by the competent Czech authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in the Czech Republic for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Estonia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Soviet Union before 20 August 1991, or	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Estonian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Estonia as Estonian qualifications in

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	(b) for which the training started in the former Soviet Union before 20 August 1991.	(b) veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and a certificate issued by the competent Estonian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Estonia for at least five consecutive years during the seven years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Estonia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by Estonia after 19 August 1991 and before 1 May 2004, or (b) for which the training started in Estonia after 19 August 1991 and before 1 May 2004.	A certificate issued by the competent Estonian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Estonia for at least five consecutive years during the seven years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Germany.	A qualification as a veterinary surgeon— (a) attesting to training received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic that commenced before German reunification, which does not satisfy the requirements laid down by the Training Directive, and (b) that indicates that the holder of that qualification is entitled to practise as a veterinary surgeon throughout the territory of Germany to the same extent as the holder of the German qualification set out in table A.	A certificate issued by the competent German authority that the person concerned has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery in Germany for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Latvia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Soviet Union	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Latvian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Latvia as Latvian qualifications in veterinary medicine as

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Required additional documentation</i>
	before 21 August 1991, or (b) for which the training started in the former Soviet Union before 21 August 1991.	(b) regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and a certificate issued by the competent Latvian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Latvia for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Lithuania.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Soviet Union before 11 March 1990, or (b) for which the training started in the former Soviet Union before 11 March 1990.	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Lithuanian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Lithuania as Lithuanian qualifications in veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and (b) a certificate issued by the competent Lithuanian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Lithuania for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Slovakia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Czechoslovakia before 1 January 1993, or (b) for which the training started in the former Czechoslovakia before 1 January 1993.	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Slovakian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Slovakia as Slovakian qualifications in veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and (b) a certificate issued by the competent Slovakian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Slovakia for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.
Slovenia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine— (a) awarded by the former Yugoslavia before 25 June 1991, or (b) for which the training started in the former Yugoslavia before 25 June 1991.	Both — (a) an attestation issued by the competent Slovenian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Slovenia as Slovenian qualifications in veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and (b) a certificate issued by the competent Slovenian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Slovenia for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.”.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the recognition by the United Kingdom of veterinary qualifications obtained in the accession states (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) as now set out in Articles 4b and 4c of and the Annex to Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) (OJ No L 362, 23.12.78, p1). It sets out all veterinary qualifications that will be recognised from all member States.

The Order amends the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (“the Act”) by —

- (a) replacing subsections (1), (2) and (6), and inserting a new subsection (7) of section 5A of the Act;
- (b) modifying and deleting some of the definitions in section 27 (interpretation) of the Act; and
- (c) replacing Schedule 1A to the Act with the Schedule set out in paragraph 4 of the Schedule to this Order setting out the circumstances in which mutual recognition of veterinary qualifications:
  - (i) will apply, or
  - (ii) will not apply unless further conditions are met.

The Order amends the Veterinary Surgeons’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2003 (“the 2003 Order”). It omits the definition of “EEA Agreement” and amends the definitions of “member State” and “the Recognition Directive” in article 2 (interpretation) of the 2003 Order.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.