



Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 36

The Council

1 The Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

(1) For the purpose of managing the affairs of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons there shall continue to be a Council of the College consisting (subject to any Order in Council under section 21 of this Act) of the following persons, that is to say—

(a) [^{F1}thirteen] persons (hereafter in this Act referred to as “elected members of the Council”) elected from among themselves by members of the College . . .
^{F2},

^{F3}(b)

[^{F4}(c) three persons appointed by the recognised universities acting jointly;]

[^{F5}(d) two registered veterinary nurses appointed by the Veterinary Nurses’ Council;

(e) six lay persons appointed by the Council, having had regard to the recommendations of the committee advising the Council for that purpose.]

[^{F6}(1A) A member of the College who, by virtue of article 3(1) or 3(2) of the Agreement with respect to veterinary surgeons made between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland and given effect to in the United Kingdom by the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with the Republic of Ireland) Order ^{M1}1988, is not required to pay a fee in respect of his membership of the College, may not vote, propose any candidate or stand as a candidate in any election of members of the Council which takes place after 31st May 1988 unless he has paid, in respect of every membership year that has occurred between that date and the date of the election, the fee prescribed by regulation of the Council under section 11(1) (b) of this Act on or before 31st March in every such year; and in this sub-section “membership year” means the membership year of the College running from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of March.]

(2) There shall continue to be a President and two Vice-Presidents of the College elected from among themselves by members of the Council.

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- (3) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the tenure of office, election and appointment of the President and Vice-Presidents of the College and of the other members of the Council and with respect to other matters relating to the Council.

[^{F7}(3A) In this section and in Schedule 1—

“lay person” means an individual who is not, and has never been, registered or entitled to be registered in—

- (a) the register;
- (b) the supplementary veterinary register; or
- (c) the veterinary nurses register;

[^{F8}“recognised universities” means the universities in the United Kingdom for which, at the time concerned, there are recognition orders in force;]

“registered veterinary nurse” means a person whose name appears on the veterinary nurses register;

“veterinary nurses register” means the register of veterinary nurses kept by the College under article 12 of the Supplemental Royal Charter of the College dated 17th February 2015.]

^{F9}(4)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 1(1)(a) substituted (1.7.2021) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(5), **9**
- F2** Words repealed by [S.I. 1988/784](#), **art. 4(a)**
- F3** S. 1(1)(b) omitted (1.7.2018) by virtue of [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(3)**
- F4** S. 1(1)(c) substituted (1.7.2020) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(4), **6(3)**
- F5** S. 1(1)(d)(e) inserted (1.7.2018) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(5)**
- F6** S. 1(1A) inserted by [S.I. 1988/784](#), **art. 4(b)**
- F7** S. 1(3A) inserted (1.7.2018) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(6)**
- F8** Words in s. 1(3A) inserted (1.7.2020) by [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(4), **6(4)**
- F9** S. 1(4) omitted (1.7.2020) by virtue of [The Legislative Reform \(Constitution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/559\)](#), arts. 1(4), **6(5)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** [S.I. 1988/784](#).

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