



Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

1966 CHAPTER 36

Miscellaneous and general

27 Interpretation.

(1) In the Act, except so far as the context otherwise requires,—

“animals” includes birds and reptiles;

“College” means the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;

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[^{F2}“Commonwealth qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom which is within the Commonwealth;]

“Council” means the Council of the College;

“disciplinary case” has the meaning assigned to it by section 15 of this Act;

[^{F2} “ EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 and by Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee;]

“elected members of the Council” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of this Act;

[^{F2}“foreign qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom and outside the Commonwealth;]

[^{F2}“member State” means a state which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement or Switzerland;]

“the Ministers” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, [^{F3}The Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales,] and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland acting jointly;

[^{F4} “national” in relation to a member State, includes any person who, by virtue of any enforceable Community right, is entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to the veterinary profession, no less favourably than a national of such a State, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services.]

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“qualification” means any diploma, degree, fellowship, membership, licence, authority to practise, letters testimonial, certificate or other status or document granted by any university, corporation, college or other body or by any department of, or persons acting under the authority of, the government of any country or place;

[^{F2}“the Recognition Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council;]

“recognition order” has the meaning assigned to it by section 3 of this Act;

“register” means the register of veterinary surgeons;

[^{F2}“registration appeals committee” means the committee of the Council referred to in section 5D of this Act;]

[^{F2}“Scheduled European qualification” means a qualification set out in Schedule 1A to this Act;]

[^{F2}“the Training Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1027/EEC](#) concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of the activities of veterinary surgeons, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council.]

“veterinary surgery” means the art and science of veterinary surgery and medicine and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall be taken to include—

- (a) the diagnosis of diseases in, and injuries to, animals including tests performed on animals for diagnostic purposes;
- (b) the giving of advice based upon such diagnosis;
- (c) the medical or surgical treatment of animals; and
- (d) the performance of surgical operations on animals.

(2) Anything required by this Act to be done by or to the registrar may be done by or to any assistant registrar appointed by the Council.

(3) References in this Act to any other enactment shall be construed as references thereto as amended, and as including references thereto as extended, by or under any subsequent enactment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 27(1) omitted (17.12.2003) by virtue of [Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications \(European Recognition\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2919\)](#), arts. 1, 12, **Sch. para. 7(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 27(1) inserted (17.12.2003) by [Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications \(European Recognition\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2919\)](#), arts. 1, 12, **Sch. para. 7(c)**
- F3** Words substituted by [S.I. 1978/272](#), **Sch. 5**
- F4** Words in s. 27(1) substituted (17.12.2003) by [Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications \(European Recognition\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2919\)](#), arts. 1, 12, **Sch. para. 7(b)**

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