

TASMANIA

VETERINARY SURGEONS REGULATIONS 2022
STATUTORY RULES 2022, No. 114

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VETERINARY SURGEONS REGULATIONS 2022

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1987*.

Dated 13 December 2022.

B. BAKER
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

JO PALMER
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Veterinary Surgeons Regulations 2022*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on
14 December 2022.

3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

Act means the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1987*.

4. Services not included in veterinary services

For the purposes of the definition of *veterinary services* in section 3(1) of the Act, the following are prescribed services:

- (a) tail docking of lambs that are 6 months old or less;
- (b) mulesing of lambs that are 6 months old or less;
- (c) deworming that does not involve oesophageal intubation (stomach tube);
- (d) castration of oxen, sheep or goats that are 6 months old or less;
- (e) castration of pigs that are 2 months old or less;
- (f) sexing chickens;
- (g) debeaking chickens;
- (h) removal of horn, horn core and associated skin in goats, or oxen or sheep, that are 6 months old or less;
- (i) removal of horn or antler buds from any species before the formation of horn or pedicels (antler bases);
- (j) removal or partial removal of antlers or horns from any species, provided that no

- vascular or other living tissue is removed with the antler or horn;
- (k) filing or rasping of horse teeth without the use of power tools;
 - (l) shoeing of horses;
 - (m) non-invasive massage;
 - (n) collection of faecal samples;
 - (o) collection of milk samples;
 - (p) collection of blood samples at the direction of a registered veterinary surgeon;
 - (q) administration of veterinary medicines, in accordance with the label approved under the Agvet Code of Tasmania in relation to that medicine, by subcutaneous or intramuscular injection, oral administration (except oesophageal intubation) or application to any external body surface;
 - (r) anaesthetising and sedating of –
 - (i) fish of the class *Osteichthyes*; or
 - (ii) sharks, rays, lampreys or other cartilaginous fish of the classes *Chondrichthyes* and *Agnatha*;
 - (s) giving of advice on the nutrition and management of animals;

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- (t) foot trimming;
- (u) ear tagging, ear marking or ear tattooing of any species;
- (v) branding of any species;
- (w) examination for pregnancy by the external application of ultrasound scanning in any species;
- (x) artificial insemination, provided that the semen is introduced via the vagina and cervical canal.

5. Exemption from registration

- (1) In this regulation –

Australasian Veterinary Boards Council means the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Incorporated (ABN 49 337 540 469);

National Veterinary Examination means the series of examinations set by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, the successful completion of which provides a qualification that may enable a person who holds the qualification to be registered as a veterinary surgeon.

- (2) For the purpose of section 11(2)(d) of the Act, section 11(1) of the Act does not apply in respect of a person practising veterinary surgery, or rendering a veterinary service, if the person –

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- (a) has applied for, and received, approval from the Board to engage in such a practice or render such a service; and
 - (b) has, within the previous 2-year period, passed all preliminary examinations set as part of the National Veterinary Examination; and
 - (c) is in the process of studying for the final examinations set as part of the National Veterinary Examination; and
 - (d) the practice is engaged in or the service is rendered under the supervision of a registered veterinary surgeon who is in the presence of the person while the person is engaging in the practice or rendering the service.
- (3) A person applying for an approval under subregulation (2)(a) is to pay the relevant fee.
- (4) For the purpose of section 11(2)(d) of the Act, section 11(1) of the Act does not apply to a person rendering a veterinary service for the purposes of teaching or research if –
- (a) the veterinary service is being rendered on behalf of a licensed institution within the meaning of the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*; and
 - (b) the person rendering the veterinary service –

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- (i) has, in the preceding 12 months, been assessed by a registered veterinary surgeon, nominated by the institution referred to in paragraph (a), as competent to render the veterinary service; or
- (ii) is supervised by, and is rendering the veterinary service in the presence of, a registered veterinary surgeon nominated by the institution referred to in paragraph (a); and
- (c) where the person has been assessed under paragraph (b)(i) as competent to render the veterinary service, the person is rendering the veterinary service within the authority of the registered veterinary surgeon who gave the assessment.

6. Details of register

For the purposes of section 14(3) of the Act, the following are prescribed details:

- (a) the full name and honorary title of the person;
- (b) the residential or business address of the person;
- (c) the veterinary qualifications of the person;

- (d) the date on which each qualification was obtained;
- (e) the date on which the person was first registered;
- (f) each approved speciality to which the registration of the person as a veterinary specialist relates, if the person is to be so registered.

7. Particulars and documents required for registration

For the purposes of section 18(2) of the Act, an application for registration is to –

- (a) contain the following prescribed particulars:
 - (i) the full name, honorary title and residential address of the applicant;
 - (ii) the proposed business address of the applicant, if known;
 - (iii) the speciality of the applicant, if any; and
- (b) be accompanied by the following prescribed documents:
 - (i) a certified copy of the qualifications of the applicant;
 - (ii) proof of identity of the applicant.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations –

- (a) specify certain matters relating to registration under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1987*; and
- (b) specify certain services that are not veterinary services under that Act; and
- (c) are made consequent on the repeal of the *Veterinary Surgeons Regulations 2012* under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*.