



## Requirements for Honorary Registration

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### Introduction

The *Veterinary Practice Act 2003* (Act) (s 22) provides that the Board may grant honorary registration to a person with full registration or who is eligible to be granted full registration if the Board is satisfied that:

- (a) The person has been a member of the profession of veterinary science for not less than 40 years, or
- (b) The person is a member of the profession of veterinary science of long standing and is of or above the age of 65 years, or
- (c) The person's standing in the profession of veterinary science is such as to justify the person being granted honorary registration.

Under the Act s 19(3) the Board may impose a condition on the registration of a veterinarian if it is satisfied the condition is warranted having regard to the provisions of any Act affecting veterinary practitioners or the practice of veterinary science; health and safety of a person; health and welfare of animals; damage to the international reputation of Australia; any conditions imposed by another jurisdiction; any impairment suffered by the veterinarian.

The Act (s 28(4)) requires that the name of a person must be removed from a division of the Register if the name of the person is entered in any other division of the Register hence a person granted honorary registration must not be included for example in the division of the Register for full registration or specialist registration.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clearly define under what circumstances the Board will grant honorary registration to applications under s 22 of the Act and what conditions, if any, will likely be imposed on successful applicants.

### Policy

1. The Board funds its operations through registration and licence fees and whilst it recognises the valuable contribution provided to the profession of veterinary science by veterinarians of long standing it is of the opinion that all registrants should contribute equally to the funding of its operations.
2. The intention of honorary registration is to allow retired veterinary practitioners to maintain their registration status and is similar to non-practising registration in other jurisdictions.
3. A veterinarian may apply for honorary registration under s 22(a) if the person has been continuously registered in NSW for more than 40 years and is no longer receiving any remuneration (except for honoraria) for performing restricted acts of veterinary science.
4. A veterinarian may apply for honorary registration under s 22(b) if the person is above the age of 65 years and is no longer receiving any remuneration (except for honoraria) for doing restricted acts of veterinary science.
5. A veterinarian may apply for honorary registration under s 22(c) if the person's standing in the profession is such as to justify the person being granted honorary registration and the person is no longer receiving any remuneration (except for honoraria) for doing restricted acts of veterinary science.

### Procedure

1. Applications for honorary registration under s 22(a) and 22(b) must be submitted to the Board's office in hard copy format or electronically and with accompanying documents as required by the Board.
2. Applications for honorary registration under s 22(c) must be submitted to the Board's office in hard copy format or electronically and with accompanying documents as required by the Board including:
  - i. Full curriculum vitae
  - ii. Evidence supporting a substantial contribution to the profession of veterinary science and animal welfare
  - iii. Three references supporting the application with two representing the profession and one representing the public.
3. All veterinarians with honorary registration are subject to the following conditions:
  - i. The veterinarian's principal place of residence must continue to be within NSW
  - ii. The veterinarian must be retired from veterinary practice and must not receive any remuneration (except for honoraria) for performing a restricted act of veterinary science.
4. Veterinarians with honorary registration may seek an exemption to the requirement to complete continuing professional development in which case the following additional non-practising conditions will apply:



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- i. The veterinarian must not provide veterinary services to the public or exercise authority requiring registration as a veterinary practitioner such as certification and committee membership
- ii. The veterinarian must not prescribe or supply restricted substances (Schedules Four and Eight to the Poisons List proclaimed under the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966*) including for use in their own animals

### Monitoring

- i. The Board will review the total number of registrants with honorary registration each year
- ii. The Board may conduct an audit of veterinarians with honorary registration in relation to principal place of residence, continuing professional development and purchases of restricted substances
- iii. The Board may conduct an audit of honorary registrants and unsuccessful applicants for honorary registration for the purpose of reviewing this policy.

### Training and Communication

The Registrar is responsible for ensuring that all persons who are involved in making a decision in relation to the granting of honorary registration under s 22 of the Act receive training in the implementation of this policy.

### Conflict of Interest

Members of the Board must comply with the Code of Conduct for Board Members in relation to decisions regarding the granting of honorary registration.

### Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually or as required to ensure that it remains appropriate to the operations of the Board and compliant with the relevant legislation.