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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

NO. R. 1081

09 NOVEMBER 2015

by the

## President of the Republic of South Africa

## COMMENCEMENT OF THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS AMENDMENT ACT, 2014 (ACT NO 16 OF 2012)

In terms of section 14 of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Amendment Act, 2012 (Act No. 16 of 2012) ("the Act"), I hereby, determine the date of publication as the date on which the whole Act shall come into operation.

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President By Order of the President-in-Cabinet

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## REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPULSORY

## COMMUNITY SERVICE (CCS)

I, Senzeni Zokwana, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, has, in terms of section 43(1)(*j*) of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982), and after consultation with the South African Veterinary Council:

- a) Made the regulations in the Schedule;
- b) Repealed the regulations published in Government Notice No. 38574 (Notice No. 235) on 20 March 2015
- c) Determined that the set regulations shall come into operation on date of publication

MR S ZOKWANA (MP) MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES 30.09.2015

#### SCHEDULE

### 1 DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context indicates otherwise-

- 1.1 "Department" means the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and "the Act" means the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982);
- 1.2 "Minister" in these regulations shall mean the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and
- "Council" in these regulations shall mean the South African Veterinary Council.
- 2 PERSONS WHO SHALL PERFORM COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE
- 2.1 Compulsory community service shall be performed by every person registering for the first time as a veterinarian in terms of the Act and shall include a person who obtained his or her qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa, unless exempted in terms of these regulations.

# 3 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS PERFORMING COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 3.1 The Council shall establish a register wherein all persons performing compulsory community service are registered as such.
- 3.2 A person desiring to register for compulsory community service shall apply to the Council on an application form obtainable from the Council for this purpose.
- 3.3 The application form referred to in sub-regulation 3.2 shall be accompanied by the following documents:
  - a) proof that the provisions contemplated in regulation 23 of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Regulations published in Government Notice No 2085 of 1 October 1982 have been met and;
  - a letter of appointment as a community service veterinarian issued by the Department.
- 3.4 The Department shall issue a certificate of completion to a person who has completed his or her compulsory community service
- 3.5 A person shall, upon receipt of a certificate contemplated in sub-regulation3.4, submit a certified copy thereof as proof of such certificate to the council.
- 3.6 A person performing compulsory community service may only be granted a certificate reflecting particulars contemplated in regulation 3.2.

- 3.7 A person who has been issued with the certificate of compulsory community service shall, upon submitting a certificate of completion issued by the Department, request in writing to be removed by the Council from a register referred to in regulation 3.1.
- 3.8 The Council shall, upon written request, remove a person who has been issued a certificate issued in terms regulation 3.6 from the register referred to in regulation 3.1 above.

## 4 CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

4.1 The conditions of service applicable to the public service employees shall, unless otherwise provided for in these regulations, apply to persons performing compulsory community service.

## 5 PLACES WHERE COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE IS TO BE PERFORMED

- 5.1 Categories for places where compulsory community service is to be performed in terms of these regulations shall include, but not limited to:
  - (a) Places for laboratory, diagnostic, research services, academia and commercial veterinary related biologicals production;
  - (b) Places for State Veterinary Services:
  - (c) Places for Animal Welfare Organisations;
  - (d) Places for private practitioners;
  - (e) Places for the South African National Defence Force and the South African Police Services;
  - (f) Places for nature conservations; and
  - (g) Any other related places or groups

# 6 INTERRUPTION OF PERIOD OF COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 6.1 Compulsory community service shall be completed within a maximum period of 18 months from the date of first registration as a Compulsory Community Service (CCS) veterinarian with the Council.
- 7 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CERTAIN PERSONS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE
- 7.1 The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, exempt persons who fall within the following categories from compulsory community service:
  - a) Persons who obtained veterinary related post graduate qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa; or
  - b) Persons who belong to para-veterinary professions.