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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE 652 OF 2021

VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT, 1982 (ACT No. 19 OF 1982)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS: AMENDMENT

The Minister of Agriculture, [Land Reform and Rural Development](#) has under section 43 of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

In this schedule "the Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. R.2085 of 1 October 1982, as amended by:

Notice	Government Gazette	Date
R1994	10900	11 September 1987
R2199		2 October 1987
R397	11161	4 March 1988
R1067	13230	17 May 1991
R11	13702	3 January 1992
R976	13899	27 March 1992
R1477	15981	23 September 1994
R47	16222	20 January 1995
R701	16407	12 May 1995
R1401	16661	15 September 1995
R561	17085	1 April 1996
R256	17786	14 February 1997
R257	17786	14 February 1997
R96	18608	16 January 1998
R501	18812	1 April 1998
R751	18939	5 June 1998
R374	19854	26 March 1999
R422	19919	1 April 1999
R618	21283	23 June 2000
R734	22563	17 August 2001
R324	23228	22 March 2002
R1571	24176	20 December 2002
R562	24797	2 May 2003
R275	26081	5 March 2004
R568	26306	7 May 2004
R679	26401	4 June 2004
R343	27464	15 April 2005
R249	28631	24 March 2006
R.160	29652	2 March 2007
R.319	29792	20 April 2007
R.322	29792	20 April 2007
R.772	30184	24 August 2007
R.487	31006	30 April 2008
R.655	32299	12 June 2009
R.693	33400	30 July 2010
R.694	33400	30 July 2010,
R.692	33444	13 August 2010
R.434	35415	8 June 2012
R.810	35760	12 October 2012
R.811	35760	12 October 2012
R.638	36780	30 August 2013
R.305	37564	25 April 2014
R.388	38783	15 May 2015
R.389	38783	15 May 2015
Notice 408	40140	15 July 2016
Notice 824	40464	2 December 2016

Notice 826	40464	2 December 2016
Notice 564	41024	4 August 2017
Notice 974	41350	22 December 2017
Notice 642	41982	19 October 2018
Notice 389	42584	19 July 2019
Notice 662	43913	22 November 2020

Amendment of regulation 1

1. Regulations 1 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

(a) the deletion of the word "and", after the definition of "election";

(b) the insertion of the following definition after the definition of "elect":

""electronic ballot paper" means the ballot paper which shall be issued to enfranchised voters who have an e-mail address on the council register and which complies with the requirements set out in regulation 8.2"; and

(c) the insertion of the following definition after the definition of "nomination day":

""physical ballot paper" means the ballot paper which shall be issued to enfranchised voters who do not have an e-mail address on the Council register and which complies with the requirements set out in regulation 8A"

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulations 2 of the regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following sub-regulation:

"2.4 a South African citizen who is not permanently resident in South Africa, provided that the person's annual maintenance fees are fully paid up."

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

(a) the insertion of the words "one or more of" in sub-regulation 3.3.3 after the second word "in"; and

(b) the addition of the following sub-regulation:

"3.2.3A be published on the official website of the council;"

Insertion of regulation 5A

4. The following regulation is hereby inserted after regulation 5:

"5A An election for the members of council shall be conducted by-
5A.1 electronic voting (e-voting) in the manner prescribed by council; or
5A.2 paper ballot
in accordance with the provisions of these regulations."

Amendment of regulation 6

5. Regulation 6 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

(a) the addition of the following sub-regulations:

"6.2.5 inform the enfranchised voters that votes must be cast once only, either by physical ballot paper or by electronic means;

- 6.2.6 provide the guidelines as to the conduct of the e-voting, i.e. the platform to be utilised for e-voting, directions as to the completion of the voting form and the electronic ballot, provided that-
- 6.2.6.1 an electronic identification system shall be developed;
 - 6.2.6.2 enfranchised voters shall be required to authenticate themselves;
 - 6.2.6.3 the electronic ballot must closely resemble the ballot paper referred to in sub-regulation 8.2;
 - 6.2.6.4 the electronic declaration must exactly resemble the declaration form referred to in sub-regulation 8.4; and
 - 6.2.6.5 the enfranchised voter must be given an overview of all his or her votes and asked to confirm his or her choice before submitting the electronic ballot.”; and

(b) the addition of the following words at the end of sub-regulation 6.4:

“or his e-mail address as entered in the applicable register on the said date.”

Amendment of regulation 8

6. Regulation 8 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

- (a) the insertion of the word “physical” before the word “ballot papers” in the title of regulation 8;
- (b) the substitution for the word “both” in sub-regulation 8.2.3 of the word “one or more of”; and
- (c) the substitution for the word “any” in sub-regulation 8.4 of the words “one or more of the”.

Insertion of regulations 8A and 8B

7. The following regulations are inserted after regulation 8:

“8A. VOTING FACILITIES

- 8A.1 The Registrar may make voting facilities available by any or all of the following methods:
- (1) use of electronic mail;
 - (2) use of the internet; or
 - (3) use of telecommunications.
- 8A.2 If voting facilities by any voting method referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1 are being made available, any enfranchised voter wishing to vote by such method shall do so –
- (1) in accordance with the instructions given on the voting paper; and
 - (2) by the last date for the return of the voting papers.
- 8A.3 The Registrar may take such steps as he or she considers necessary to ascertain that any vote cast by any of the methods referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1 is valid.

8B. Double voting

- 8B.1 An enfranchised voter who has returned a voting paper in an election shall not, if any voting method referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1 have been made available, use any of those methods to vote in that election.
- 8B.2 An elector who has voted by one of the voting methods referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1 shall not return a voting paper in that election or use any of the other methods referred to in that paragraph.
- 8B.3 Where an enfranchised voter has voted both by returning a voting paper and by one of the voting methods referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1, the Registrar shall only take account of the physical ballot paper.”

Amendment of regulation 11

8. Regulation 11 of the regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of the word "physical" before the words "ballot paper" in sub-regulation 11.1.

Insertion of regulation 11A

9. The following regulation is hereby inserted after regulation 11:

"11A Where an enfranchised voter has voted by any of the voting methods referred to in sub-regulation 8A.1, if such a method has been made available by the Registrar, the Registrar shall reject any purported vote which –

- (1) is ambiguous;
- (2) has not been registered in accordance with the arrangements approved by the Registrar for voting by the method concerned; or
- (3) has been received by the Registrar after the last date for the return of voting papers."

Amendment of regulation 12

10. Regulation 12 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

- (a) the deletion of the word "Bedorwe" in sub-regulation 12.2; and
- (b) the addition of the following sub-regulations:

"12.3 The Registrar shall, on each day that electronic ballots despatched to the council are received by the council, or if it is not practicable on that day, as soon as practicable thereafter, examine each electronic declaration form and shall verify, to the extent necessary, the information contained in the electronic declaration form against the records of council and shall satisfy himself or herself that the electronic declaration form has been duly completed by the enfranchised voter.

12.4 The Registrar shall securely retain or save in the form and manner approved by the Council each electronic declaration form as well as the accompanying electronic ballots found to be valid.

12.5 The Registrar shall retain each electronic declaration form and electronic ballot in the same manner for the period provided in regulation 16."

Amendment of regulation 13

11. Regulation 13 of the regulations is hereby amended by:

- (a) the deletion of the word "Bedorwe" in sub-regulation 13.4.1; and
- (b) the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation 13.4:

"13.4A The Registrar shall, as soon as possible after 08h30 on the first working day following the polling day for a particular election count the votes recorded in the e-voting system and record the result in the presence of the observers."

Amendment of regulation 15

12. Regulation 15 of the regulations is hereby amended by substitution in sub-regulation 15.2.1 for the word "both" of the word "one or more of".

Amendment of regulation 22

- 13.** Regulation 22 of the regulations is hereby amended by addition of the following sub-regulation:

“22.4 Registration as a student for a prescribed qualification is subject to the following conditions:

- 22.4.1 a student may only do such practical training by rendering certain services as may be formally required by the training institution during the course of his or her studies, whether for remuneration or not;
- 22.4.2 a student may only perform such practical training under the direct and continuous supervision (in the same room or standing next to) of a person registered with council to practice the relevant profession;
- 22.4.3 a student **must comply with** the rules pertaining to the relevant profession, should any services in training be rendered pertaining to that specific profession;
- 22.4.4 the student does not hold **himself or** herself out to be a qualified veterinary or para-veterinary professional, as the case may be;
- 22.4.5 should a student be found guilty of unprofessional conduct in terms of regulation 22.4, that student may be denied registration as a veterinary or para-veterinary professional, as the case may be, once the student obtained a prescribed qualification.”

Amendment of regulation 33

- 14.** Regulation 33 of the regulations is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation 33.2

“33.2A contravenes regulation 22.4; or”.

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