ORDER IN COUNCIL

The Lieutenant Governor in Council approves the Veterinary Profession General Amendment Regulation set out in the attached Appendix.

For Information only

Recommended by: Minister of Labour

Authority: Veterinary Profession Act (section 13)
APPENDIX

Veterinary Profession Act

VETERINARY PROFESSION GENERAL AMENDMENT REGULATION

1 The Veterinary Profession General Regulation (AR 44/86) is amended by this Regulation.

2 Section 1 is amended

(a) by repealing clause (a.2) and substituting the following:

(a.2) “bylaws” means bylaws made under section 14 of the Act;

(b) by adding the following after clause (b):

(b.01) “mutual recognition agreement” means an agreement signed by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and another organization for the purposes of recognition or accreditation of animal health technology programs;

(c) by adding the following after clause (b.2):

(b.3) “registered veterinary technologist” means a person registered under section 8;

(b.4) “service category” means a practice service category established under section 51(1);

(d) by adding the following after clause (d):

(e) “universal standard” means a minimum standard that must be met and maintained by all veterinary practice entities;

(f) “veterinary practice entity” means the total of facilities, equipment and supplies, registered veterinarians, registered veterinary technologists, support personnel and necessary documents that exist for the purpose of supplying veterinary services and which entity is approved by the Council, regardless
of whether or not there is a location at which the public attends.

3 Section 5.01(1) is amended

(a) by striking out “registered veterinarian” and substituting “registered member”;  
(b) by striking out “a veterinarian” and substituting “a registered member”;  
(c) by adding “veterinary” before “professional regulatory association”.

4 Section 8 is amended

(a) by repealing subsection (1);  
(b) by adding the following before subsection (2):

(1.1) The category of registered veterinary technologist is established.  
(c) in subsection (2)

(i) by striking out “The Registrar shall register an applicant as a technologist” and substituting “The Registration Committee may approve an applicant for registration as a registered veterinary technologist”;  
(ii) by repealing clause (a)(ii)(A) and substituting the following:

(A) is a graduate of a program in animal health technology accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association or by an organization with which the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association has a mutual recognition agreement, and  
(iii) by striking out “or” at the end of clause (a) and by repealing clause (b);  
(d) by adding the following after subsection (2):
(2.01) The Registration Committee may approve an applicant for registration as a registered veterinary technologist if the applicant

(a) is a graduate of a program in animal health technology that is not accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association but whose curriculum is considered by the Alberta Association of Animal Health Technologists and the Council to be substantially equivalent to a program in animal health technology that is accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association,

(b) has passed an examination in animal health technology approved by the Alberta Association of Animal Health Technologists and the Council, and

(c) has completed a clinical assessment approved by the Alberta Association of Animal Health Technologists and the Council.

(e) by repealing subsection (2.1);

(f) by adding the following before subsection (3):

(2.2) The Registration Committee may require an applicant for registration under this section

(a) to successfully complete one or more examinations set or designated by the Committee,

(b) to obtain additional experience of a kind and duration satisfactory to the Committee,

(c) to attend an interview with the Committee, or

(d) to do any or all of the above

in addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (2) or (2.01).

(2.3) No person except an individual who is registered under subsection (2) or (2.01) as a registered veterinary technologist shall use

(a) the title “registered veterinary technologist” or “registered animal health technologist”, or
(b) a variation or abbreviation of either of those titles or an equivalent in another language.

(2.4) An individual who is registered by the Registration Committee as a registered veterinary technologist may use the titles “registered veterinary technologist” and “registered animal health technologist”.

(g) in subsection (3) by striking out “or (2.1)” and substituting “or (2.01)”;

(h) by repealing subsection (4).

5 Section 8.1(1)(b) to (f) are repealed.

6 Section 28(2) is amended by striking out “registered veterinarians” and substituting “registered members”.

7 Section 41.1(2) is amended

(a) by striking out “A registered veterinarian” and substituting “A registered member”;

(b) in clause (c) by striking out “registered veterinarian” and substituting “registered member”.

8 Section 50.1 is amended

(a) by striking out “registered veterinarians” wherever it occurs and substituting “registered members”;

(b) in subsection (5) by striking out “registered veterinarian” and substituting “registered member”.

9 Section 51 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Standards for service categories of veterinary practice entities

51(1) The Council, on the advice of the Practice Inspection and Practice Standards Committee, may establish practice service categories for veterinary practice entities and minimum standards for facilities, equipment, personnel and operational procedures for each of the service categories.
(2) The standards established under subsection (1) shall not come into force unless they have been approved by a majority of the registered members voting in a vote conducted in accordance with the bylaws.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the standards established under subsection (1) may be varied at a general or special meeting of the Association.

(4) The standards established under subsection (1) as approved by the members shall be published in the Association newsletter.

(5) The Registrar shall provide any person who requests it with a copy of the standards established under subsection (1) as approved by the members.

10 Section 52 is amended

(a) in subsection (1)

(i) by adding “entity” after “practice”;

(ii) by striking out “permit holder or” and substituting “permit holder”;

(b) in subsection (3) by adding “entity” after “practice”.

11 Section 53 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Inspection of veterinary practice entities

53 Inspections carried out under the direction of the Practice Inspection and Practice Standards Committee must include inspection of facilities, equipment, personnel and operational procedures for all services offered for the species designated for the veterinary practice entity.

12 Section 54 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Application for inspection

54(1) A registered veterinarian or permit holder shall apply to the Practice Inspection and Practice Standards Committee for an inspection of a veterinary practice entity by an inspector prior to the entity being open to the public for service.
(2) A registered veterinarian or permit holder who owns or operates a veterinary practice entity that has changed ownership, undergone major renovations or changed its service categories shall apply to the Committee for an inspection of the entity by an inspector within 30 days after those changes or renovations occur.

13 Section 55(2) is amended by striking out “Practice Review Committee” and substituting “Practice Review Board”.

14 Section 56 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Standards for veterinary practice entities

56(1) The Council, on the advice of the Practice Inspection and Practice Standards Committee,

(a) may establish universal standards for veterinary practice entities, and

(b) shall from time to time determine the standards for facilities, equipment, personnel and operational procedures for all services offered by each veterinary practice entity for the species designated for the veterinary practice entity.

(2) The standards referred to in subsection (1) shall not come into force unless they have been approved by a majority of the registered members voting in a vote conducted in accordance with the bylaws.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the standards referred to in subsection (1) may be varied at a general or special meeting of the Association.

(4) The standards referred to in subsection (1) as approved by the members shall be published in the Association newsletter.

(5) The Registrar shall provide any person who requests it with a copy of the standards referred to in subsection (1) as approved by the members.
15 The following sections are amended by striking out “registered veterinarian” wherever it occurs and substituting “registered member”:

section 2;
section 15;
section 45;
section 47(1).

16 The following sections are amended by adding “registered veterinary” before “technologist” wherever it occurs:

section 9;
section 10;
section 16.1;
section 47.1.

17 Section 58 is amended by striking out “January 31, 2017” and substituting “January 31, 2019”.

18 This Regulation, except for section 17, comes into force on the coming into force of section 11 of the Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2016.