



**SASKATCHEWAN  
VETERINARY MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBERSHIP AND  
REGISTRANT CATEGORIES  
and  
OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

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# Memberships and Licenses

## I. Veterinarians

### Categories

#### A. Practicing Memberships

In respect of the practice of veterinary medicine, the following membership categories are continued or established:

##### *i. General Practice*

A General Practice Member is one who is registered and licensed in accordance with the Act and Bylaws to practice veterinary medicine without limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed by council, which include:

- (a) General Practicing Member
- (b) General Practicing Member - Life

##### *ii. Limited Practice*

A Limited Practicing member is one who is registered and licensed in accordance with the Act and Bylaws to practice veterinary medicine with limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed by council, which include:

- (a) Limited Practicing Member
- (b) Limited Practicing Member - Life
- (c) Educational Intern Member
- (d) Educational Resident Member
- (e) Educational non-clinical Member
- (f) Student Member
- (g) NEB-CPE Candidate
- (h) Restricted member

Council may from time to time designate such other practicing memberships as it may determine, and, in each case, council shall specify the requirements, fees (if any), rights and privileges of such practicing membership categories.

## B. Non-Practicing Memberships

The following categories of membership are continued or established, and each category shall not be permitted to practice veterinary medicine in Saskatchewan:

- (a) Life Non-Practicing Member
- (b) Non-practicing Member
- (c) Social Member
- (d) Honorary Member

Council may from time to time designate such other non-practicing memberships as it may determine, and, in each case, council shall specify the requirements, fees (if any), rights and privileges of such non-practicing membership categories.

## C. Voting Members

- (a) General Practicing Member
- (b) General Practicing Member-Life
- (c) Limited Practicing /Limited Life Member
- (d) Life Non-Practicing Member
- (e) Non-Practicing Member

## CI. Council and Committee Positions

Council and Committee positions may be held only by members in the following categories;

- (a) General Practicing Member
- (b) General Practicing Member-Life
- (c) Limited Practicing / Limited Life Member
- (d) Life Non-Practicing Member
- (e) Non-Practicing Member

## CII. Emergency Licensure of Veterinarians

In extraordinary circumstances where a provincial or federal governmental authority requires rapid veterinary assistance beyond what is available locally, the Registrar may grant the appropriate Practice licenses to:

- (a) Canadian Veterinary Reserve (CVR) members of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) who are qualified veterinarians, in good standing, and holding a General Practice License in other provinces (verified annually by the CVMA);
- (a) Non-CVR veterinarians. When these veterinarians are called to provide veterinary services in these extraordinary circumstances, they will require

registration as practicing veterinarians in good standing in the province of Saskatchewan,

OR

- i. verification of current licensure in another province, and a letter of good standing from the appropriate regulatory authority of the province of licensure.

- (b) Veterinarians from outside of Canada who possess the necessary academic or practical experience and proficiency needed to assist in a specific set of extraordinary circumstances.

Extraordinary circumstances include outbreaks of foreign animal disease and other large-scale emergencies and disasters that affect animals.

The normal fees and requirements (e.g., letters of standing) for registration may be waived. Confirmation that the applicant holds active licensure in good standing must be confirmed through direct communication with the veterinary regulatory body of the originating jurisdiction.

The term of emergency licensure is to be limited to the time required to address the extraordinary circumstances defined by the provincial or federal authority. The practice scope for emergency licensure is limited to duties on behalf of the appropriate government authority or organization addressing the emergency. Veterinarians licensed under this provision will only work under the supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Saskatchewan and/or Canada.

#### F. Conditions of Membership

The SVMA Council may attach such terms and conditions to any membership as it deems fit, including but not limited to: the provision of additional documentation, successful completion of required courses, type of veterinary practice, geographic area of practice, or employer.

## Requirements for Practicing Memberships

### A. Practicing Memberships

#### i. *General Practicing Members*

##### a. General Practicing Member

A person applying as a General Practicing Member shall:

- i. (1) be a graduate of a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the CVMA or AVMA, and  
(2) hold a Certificate of Qualification (CQ). Applicants are exempt from having a CQ if they have been continuously licensed anywhere in Canada since December 31, 1986; or
- ii. (1) be a graduate of a college of veterinary medicine not accredited by the CVMA or AVMA, and  
(2) hold a CQ;  
or
- iii. (1) hold General Practice or equivalent licensure in another Canadian province or territory

##### b. General Practicing Member - Life

A person granted a Life Practicing Membership shall have:

- i. attained the age of 65 years, and
- ii. at all times maintained Good Standing with the SVMA, and
- iii. paid dues annually for twenty-five (25) years and
- iv. meet the licensing requirements for a Practicing Membership
- v. received two-thirds majority vote of the Voting Members present at a general meeting accepting such person as a Life Member of the SVMA.

*ii. Limited Practicing Member*

a. Limited Practicing Member

A person applying as a Limited Practicing Member, may, at the discretion of council, be exempted from the requirement to hold a Certificate of Qualification (CQ) if any of the following are satisfied:

i. the person

- (1) is a graduate of a recognized college of veterinary medicine; and
- (2) is board certified by, or a diplomate of, a veterinary specialty organization that is recognized by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), or equivalent or
- (3) is determined by council, as possessing the necessary academic and practical proficiency necessary to practice veterinary medicine in accordance with the limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed by council; or
- (4) holds a Limited Practice or equivalent license in another Canadian province or territory.

b. Limited Practicing Member - Life

A person granted a Life Limited Membership shall have

- (1) attained the age of 65 years,
- (2) paid dues annually for 25 years,
- (3) at all times maintained Good Standing with the SVMA, and
- (4) received two-thirds majority vote of the Voting Members present at a general meeting accepting such person as a Life Member of the SVMA.

### iii. Educational

#### a. An Educational Member must:

- (1) Be a graduate veterinarian from a recognized school of veterinary medicine, and
- (2) Be enrolled, and maintain enrollment, at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, or at a college of veterinary medicine collaborating with the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and
- (3) In connection with their enrollment, be required to complete a practicum, internship, residency or similar educational placement, and
- (4) Be restricted to the practice of veterinary medicine within the educational institution as required by the terms and conditions of their internship or residency program, or non-clinical area of study in which they are enrolled, and
- (5) Not meet the requirements of either a General or Limited practicing member and not hold or be eligible to obtain a C of Q

#### b. An Educational Member must hold one of the following membership subtypes:

##### (1) Educational Member - Intern

- a. The person is enrolled and maintains enrollment in a recognized internship program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and
- b. Must practice under the supervision of another veterinarian who is without restrictions, is in Good Standing with the SVMA, and holds one of the following license categories:
  - i. General Practicing/ Life Member
  - ii. Limited Practicing/ Life Member
  - iii. Educational Member – Resident

##### (2) Educational Member – Resident

- a) The person is enrolled and maintains enrollment in a recognized residency program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine recognized by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), or equivalent, and
- b) Must practice under the supervision of another veterinarian who is without restrictions, is in Good Standing with the SVMA, and holds one of the following memberships:
  - i. General Practicing/ Life Member
  - ii. Limited Practicing / Life Member

##### (3) Educational Non-Clinical Member

- a) The person is enrolled and maintains enrollment in a post graduate degree program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine which does not involve the clinical practice of veterinary medicine.
- b) The person is not eligible to practice veterinary medicine in Saskatchewan.

iv. Student

ii. A Student Member must:

- (1) be enrolled, and maintain enrollment, in a professional degree program in veterinary medicine at an accredited college of veterinary medicine, and
- (2) practice only under the supervision of a Member who is without restrictions, is in good standing with the SVMA, and has been so licensed for the past three (3) years and holds one of the following license categories:
  - i. General Practicing / Life Member
  - ii. Limited Practicing / Life Member
  - iii. Educational Intern or Resident Member

v. NEB-CPE Candidate Restricted Member Category

the candidate

- (1) is a graduate veterinarian from a recognized school of veterinary medicine,
- (2) is actively enrolled with the NEB and is scheduled to complete one more component of the Clinical Proficiency Examination at the next scheduled test date(s)
- (3) is restricted to the practice of veterinary medicine under the immediate supervision of a veterinarian appropriately licensed with the SVMA who is without conditions or restrictions and has been confirmed by the NEB to meet the requirements as an official examiner.
- (4) This membership restricts the practice of veterinary medicine to the NEB-CPE testing location for the dates and times of the officially scheduled examination, or portion thereof.

Confirmation of eligibility for a NEB-CPE Restricted Membership will be based upon candidate information provided to the SVMA by the NEB prior to the scheduled examination period. Membership may be approved by the SVMA registrar and/or council. Council may attach such terms and conditions to this membership as it deems fit.

The NEB will provide a list of the identities of examination participants (i.e. candidate name, NEB ID number ) together with the dates and location of the CPE in which they will participate while in the province of Saskatchewan no less than 14 days prior to the start of the testing period. In the event of a last minute candidate request to take the CPE within 14 days of the scheduled date, the NEB shall provide the candidates required information no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled exam dates.

The maximum period an NEB-CPE Restricted Membership can be held is for the duration of that candidate's scheduled CPE testing session.

The SVMA will provide this membership to CPE Candidates at no cost, and in doing so is recognized for its support of the CVMA-NEB.

NEB-CPE Restricted Members cannot vote in any proceedings of the association, cannot be elected to council, hold office or be appointed to any SVMA committees.



## B. Restricted Practice Memberships

Council may upon review of the applicant's documentation, at its discretion, issue Restricted Practicing Memberships in the association for the following persons:

- (a) applicants for membership who are graduates from a veterinary school that is not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education that have passed and provide results of the National Examining Board's (NEB) NAVLE, and demonstrate registration to take the Preliminary Surgical Assessment and the Clinical Proficiency Examination at the next available opportunity, or
- (b) applicants for membership who are graduates from a veterinary school that is not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education and are not registered with the National Examining Board (NEB), have completed a residency program recognized by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) or equivalent, and have been accepted to challenge their respective specialty examination but have not yet passed, or
- (c) such other persons as council may in its discretion see fit.

No independent practice activity as defined by section 2(l) of *The Veterinarians Act, 1987* is allowed by a Restricted Member.

A Restricted Member must submit to the SVMA a summary document outlining their practice activities and progress towards obtaining their Certificate of Qualification or specialty board credentials for council review on a quarterly or otherwise indicated schedule.

The Restricted Member must always practice medicine under the direct supervision of an SVMA approved Practicing Member who is without restrictions, is in good standing with the SVMA, and has been so licensed for the past three (3) years and who completes the SVMA Letter of Undertaking to Provide Direct Supervision for the restricted member.

For direct supervision, the supervisory veterinarian must:

- (1) be immediately available at all times and physically able to attend when the Restricted Practicing Member is engaged in veterinary activities; and be able to assist and/or complete any procedure or treatment undertaken by the Restricted Practicing Member as required, and
- (2) supervise no more than one Restricted Practicing Member at one point in time and location ; and
- (3) at no time supervise a Restricted Practicing Member with whom a personal relationship (e.g., family member, spouse, life partner) exists now or has existed in the past, and
- (4) submit to the SVMA a summary document outlining the Restricted Practicing

Member's practice activities as required for council review.

Restricted Practicing Members under direct supervision may, at the discretion of council, be eligible to apply for indirect supervision provided they have:

- (1) passed the Preliminary Surgical Assessment (PSA) exam and have registered with the National Examination Board (NEB) to take the Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE) at the next available opportunity; and
- (2) been working under direct supervision for a minimum period of four (4) continuous months at the same veterinary practice at which they will be restricted to work at while under indirect supervision. Should a restricted practice member under indirect supervision change place of employment and veterinary supervisor, the determination of their ongoing level of supervision requirements will be subject to review and approval by council, and
- (3) received full, documented mentorship in the areas of medicine from examination to diagnosis, treatment, medical management and surgery while under direct supervision; and
- (4) received written recommendation for the removal of direct supervision restrictions by the supervisory veterinarian(s).

For indirect supervision, the approved supervising veterinarian must:

- (1) be immediately available by telephone at all times and physically able to attend at the same location as the Restricted Member when the Restricted Member is engaged in veterinary activities;
- (2) supervise no more than one Restricted Member at any one point in time and location; and
- (3) at no time supervise a Restricted Member with whom a personal relationship (e.g., family member, spouse, life partner) exists now or has existed in the past, and
- (4) Submit to the SVMA a summary document outlining the Restricted Members practice activities on a quarterly basis for council review.

Council may attach such terms and conditions to a Restricted Practicing Membership as it deems fit, including, but without restricting the foregoing, restrictions as to the type of practice, geographic area of practice, or employer.

The maximum period a Restricted Membership can be held is twenty-four (24) months. At its discretion, council may renew a restricted practicing membership for an additional twelve (12) months.

Restricted Members cannot vote in any proceedings of the association, cannot be elected to council, hold office or be appointed to legislated committees.

## Requirements for Non-Practicing Memberships

### A. Non-Practicing Membership

#### i. *Life Non-Practicing Member*

A person granted a Life Membership shall have

- (1) attained the age of 65 years,
- (2) paid dues annually for 25 years,
- (3) at all times maintained Good Standing with the SVMA, and
- (4) received two-thirds majority vote of the Voting Members present at general meeting accepting such person as a Life Non-Practicing Member of the SVMA.

Council may apply any condition it deems appropriate to the license of a Life Non-Practicing Member who has requested a transfer to a Life Practicing Member membership.

#### ii. *Non-Practicing Member*

This membership permits members to cease the practice of veterinary medicine in Saskatchewan while retaining membership privileges with the SVMA. An individual may request reinstatement to a practicing membership at which time such an application would be reviewed by Council, who may attach such terms and conditions to their practicing membership as it deems fit, including, but not limited to the demonstration of sufficient continuing professional education, or restrictions upon the type of practice, geographic area, or employer

An individual granted a non-practicing Membership:

- (1) Is not eligible to practice veterinary medicine in the province of Saskatchewan as defined by section 2(1) of *The Veterinarians Act, 1987*,
- (2) shall not prescribe drugs listed in the Prescription Drug List of the *Food and Drugs Regulations* and in the Schedule to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* for any purpose; and
- (3) must meet the continuing education requirements as set out in the Bylaws and policies of the SVMA.

#### iii. *Honourary Member*

An individual granted an Honourary Membership shall have:

- (1) established outstanding service or contribution to the association or to the

Veterinary profession in general; and

- (2) received two-thirds majority vote of the Voting Members present at an Annual General Meeting of the association accepting such person as an Honourary Member of the SVMA.

iv. *Social Member*

Individuals granted a Social Membership prior to 2025 may maintain their Social Membership.

This category has been superseded by the non-practicing membership category.

## Procedure for Application

- a. A veterinarian seeking any type of membership with the SVMA shall:
  - i. submit a complete application to the registrar using the method prescribed by council;
  - ii. provide the registrar with evidence satisfactory to council that the person meets the applicable requirements from Section I of this policy document for the membership category for which application is made;
  - iii. if necessary, attend a seminar, and / or successfully complete any course and /or an examination, in respect of the requirements, practice standards and other matters set forth in the Act, the Bylaws and any other documents of the SVMA;
  - iv. in respect of a Practicing Member, upon request, deliver to the registrar evidence satisfactory to council of professional liability insurance with an insurer duly licensed in Saskatchewan in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence; and
  - v. deliver to the secretary-treasurer the fees as set out in the Fee Schedule.
- b. Upon receipt of an application for membership satisfactory to the registrar, the registrar shall refer same to council and, if council is satisfied the person meets the requirements of the Act, the Bylaw and this policy document, then, subject to limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed by council, council shall direct the registrar to enter the person's name on the register and, if applicable, issue a license. An individual may hold only one (1) membership or registration in the association.

## Annual Membership Maintenance Requirements

a. Fees and Practice Declaration

Except as otherwise provided by this policy, on an annual basis each Member shall, as applicable:

- i. no later than November 30 of each year, deliver to the secretary-treasurer the annual

fee as set out in the Fee Schedule paid in full on account of membership for the following calendar year; and

- ii. no later than November 30 of each year, deliver to the registrar a practice declaration using the form and method prescribed by council and
- iii. no later than December 31 of each year, deliver to the registrar declaration of continuing education hours obtained. using the form and method prescribed by council

b. Upon receipt of an annual fee (if any), practice and continuing education declarations each satisfactory to the registrar, the registrar shall maintain the person's name on the register and, if applicable, issue a license.

c. Continuing Education

If a Member fails to deliver the annual fee and practice declaration or maintain a minimum level of Continuing Education as required by the Bylaws, this policy, and the *Continuing Education Standards and Operational Policies* document, the registrar shall give the Member notice in writing, which notice shall be deemed given on the day sent if sent by mail to the last business or personal address, be it physical or electronic, on record with the registrar. If the member fails to respond within 30 calendar days, a second notice will be sent to the member.

Failure of the Member to remedy the matters set forth in the notice within 30 calendar days of the date the second notice was sent may, at the discretion of council, result in any of:

- (i) a loss of Good Standing;
- (ii) a levy of penalty fees as set out in the Fee Schedule: and/or
- (iii) the Member being struck from the register.

# Registrations and Licenses

## II. Veterinary Technologists

### Categories

#### A. Practicing Registrants:

In respect of assisting with the technical procedures involved in the practice of veterinary medicine, the following categories of registration are continued or established:

##### i. *Veterinary Technologist*

A Veterinary Technologist is an individual who is registered in accordance with *The Veterinarians Act, 1987*, and SVMA Bylaws to assist with the practice of veterinary medicine.

The SVMA Council may attach any such terms and conditions to a Registered Veterinary Technologist they deem fit, including, but not limited to the provision of additional documentation (i.e. VTNE score), successful completion of required courses and /or licensing examination, or supervisory requirement.

##### (a) Registered Veterinary Technologist

- i. is a graduate of veterinary technology from a program accredited by the CVMA / AVMA; and
- ii. has successfully passed the Veterinary Technology National Examination administered by the AAVSB;

##### (b) Veterinary Technologist – Restricted

- i. is a graduate of veterinary technology from a program accredited by the CVMA / AVMA; and
- ii. has not yet passed, but is registered to write the VTNE at the next available opportunity

A Veterinary Technologist – Restricted registration may only be held by an individual until December 31 of the calendar year of their graduation from a program accredited by the CVMA / AVMA.

(c) Student Registrant

- (i) shall be enrolled, and maintain enrollment, in a CVMA/AVMA accredited program in veterinary technology in Saskatchewan or an equivalent distance program , or
- (ii) be required to participate in an approved and/or required practical experience, or otherwise be employed by a veterinary practice in Saskatchewan, while remaining enrolled in a CVMA/AVMA accredited program in veterinary technology located outside the province of Saskatchewan, and
- (iii) shall assist in the technical procedures involved in the practice of veterinary medicine only under the supervision of a practicing member or a Registered Veterinary Technologist who is in Good Standing and without conditions or restrictions.

Council may from time to time designate such other practicing registration categories as it may determine, and, in each case, council shall specify the requirements, fees, rights and privileges of such categories.

**B. Non-Practicing Registrants:**

Registrants in this category must meet the conditions of a Registered Veterinary Technologist. Such registrants may not assist with the technological procedures involved in the practice of veterinary medicine in Saskatchewan. A veterinary technologist may request reinstatement to a practicing registration, with any such application being reviewed by Council, who may attach such terms and conditions to their practicing registration as it deems fit, including, but not limited to the demonstration of sufficient continuing professional education, or restrictions upon the type of practice, geographic area, or employer

Council may from time to time designate such other non-practicing registration categories as it may determine, and, in each case, council shall specify the requirements, fees (if any), rights and privileges of such non-practicing registration categories.

**C. Committee Positions**

SVMA Legislated Committee positions may only be held by Registered Veterinary Technologists in Good Standing.

**D. Emergency Registration of Veterinary Technologists**

In extraordinary circumstances where a provincial or federal governmental authority requires rapid veterinary technician assistance beyond what is available locally, the Registrar may grant the appropriate registration to Registered Veterinary Technologists who are:

- (a) qualified Veterinary Technologists, in good standing, and hold an Active Practice Registration in another provinces, or
- (b) are registered as a Non-Practicing Veterinary Technologists with the SVMA and are good standing,

Extraordinary circumstances include outbreaks of foreign animal disease and other large-scale emergencies and disasters that affect animals.

The normal fees and requirements (e.g., letters of standing) for registration may be waived. Confirmation that the applicant holds active registration in good standing will be confirmed through direct communication with the regulator of the originating jurisdiction.

The term of emergency registration is limited to the time required for these extraordinary services. The practice scope for emergency registration is limited to duties on behalf of the appropriate government authority or organization addressing the emergency. Veterinary technologists registered under this provision will only work under the supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Saskatchewan and/or Canada.

## Requirements for Registration

### A. Registered Veterinary Technologists

A person applying as a Registered Veterinary Technologist shall:

- (1) be a graduate of veterinary technology from a program accredited by the CVMA / AVMA; and
  - (2) have achieved a passing grade on the Veterinary Technology National Examination (VTNE) administered by the AAVSB.
- OR
- (3) hold an equivalent practicing registration in another Canadian province or territory.

### B. Veterinary Technologist - Restricted

- (1) be a graduate of veterinary technology from a program accredited by the CVMA /AVMA; and
- (2) having not yet challenged, or having previously failed the VTNE , remain eligible and scheduled to take the VTNE prior to December 31 of their graduation year.

### C. Student

- (1) shall be enrolled, and maintain enrollment, in a CVMA/AVMA accredited program in veterinary technology,



## Procedure for Application

- a. A person seeking registration as a veterinary technologist with the SVMA shall:
  - i. Submit a complete application to the registrar using the form and method prescribed by council;
  - ii. Provide the registrar evidence satisfactory to council that the person meets the applicable requirements of Section II of this policy document;
  - iii. attend any seminar, and/ or successfully complete any course and/or examination, in respect of the requirements, practice standards and other matters set forth in the Act, the Bylaw, this policy document and any other documents of the SVMA;
  - iv. Upon receipt of an application for registration satisfactory to the registrar, the registrar shall refer same to council and, if council is satisfied the person meets the requirements of The Veterinarians Act, 1987, SVMA Bylaws and this policy document then, subject to limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed by council, council shall direct the registrar to enter the person's name on the register of the association. An individual may hold only one (1) registration or membership in the association.

## Annual Registrant Maintenance Requirements

### Fees and Declarations

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this policy, on an annual basis each Registrant shall, as applicable:
  - i. No later than November 30 of each year, deliver to the secretary-treasurer the annual fee as set out in the Fee Schedule paid in full on account of registration for the following calendar year; and
  - ii. No later than December 31 of each year, deliver to the registrar declaration of continuing education hours obtained using the form and method prescribed by council
  - iii. Upon receipt of an annual fee (if any), practice and continuing education declarations each satisfactory to the registrar, the registrar shall maintain the person's name on the register and, if applicable, issue a license.
- B. If a registrant fails to deliver the annual fee and declarations or maintain a minimum level of continuing education as required by the Bylaws, this policy, and the *Continuing Education Standards and Operational Policies* document the registrar shall give the Registrant notice in writing, which notice shall be deemed given on the day sent if sent by mail to the last business or personal address, be it physical or electronic, on record with the registrar. Failure of the Registrant to remedy the matters set forth in the notice within 30 calendar days of the date the notice was sent may, at the discretion of council, result in any of the following:

- (1) a loss of Good Standing;
- (2) the Registrant being struck from the register;
- (3) a levy of penalty fees as set out in the SVMA Fee Schedule