

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)

ORDINANCE 1982

No. 33 of 1982

This amending ordinance is part of a uniform scheme which is to be applicable to all the health professions registration Ordinances in the Territory. Under this scheme annual registration under uniform conditions will be introduced for all registered health professions together with provisional, temporary and special registration also on a uniform basis.

Unlike some of the other ordinances the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance 1965 already requires registered veterinary surgeons to renew their registration annually with the Veterinary Surgeons Board established under the Ordinance. However the amendment has repealed the previous provision and replaced it with a new one requiring registered veterinary surgeons to pay an annual fee and to notify the Board of their addresses. It is regarded as desirable that all the registered health professions should be subject to this requirement in the interests of parity and the raising of revenue to provide in part for the costs of administering the Ordinances concerned. In addition it will also enable the various Registers to be used as more accurate guides to the numbers in each profession practising in the Territory.

Provisional registration may be granted by the Chairman of the Board on application by a person who has lodged an application for registration with the Board. It lasts for a maximum period of 3 months and terminates when the Board makes a decision on the application for registration.

Temporary registration is available to practitioners from outside the Territory who are registered in a State or another Territory and wish to carry on a practice on behalf of a registered veterinary surgeon. It is limited to 3 months, renewable for a further three months but subject to a limit of 6 months in any 24 month period.

Special registration is available to veterinary surgeons who are entitled to practise outside Australia and who are visiting the Territory in connection with research into or dissemination of knowledge of the theory and practice of the profession. Application must be made by an educational institution or appropriate professional association. The Board may grant special registration for a maximum period of one year, renewable for one year and subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Board thinks fit. All types of registration are subject to fees prescribed in regulations.

New provision has been made for certificates of registration including the issue of duplicate certificates where a certificate has been lost or destroyed and the return of certificates by persons who have ceased to be registered. There are new provisions for the notification of changes of address, for the alteration of the Register, for inspecting the Register and for obtaining certified copies of entries in the Register. Fees for these matters are prescribed in regulations. As a consequence of other amendments it has been necessary to alter the section of the Ordinance which provides for appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.