

COUNCIL AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Functions of the Veterinary Council include:

- Register Veterinarians, Veterinary specialists and Veterinary Practice Facilities, enrol Paraprofessionals and enlist Paraprofessional Assistants
- Advise and recommend to the Minister responsible for the profession on any matter related to Veterinary Practice
- Regulate Veterinary Practice
- Recognise qualifications, training facilities, training Institution and Colleges
- Collaborate with other relevant Institution or bodies in accrediting courses of training curriculum which provide qualifications for Veterinarians, Veterinary Specialist, enrolment of Paraprofessionals and enlistment of Paraprofessional Assistants
- Determine minimum standards for:-
 - Veterinary Practice Facilities
 - Conduct scope of Practice activities by Veterinarians, Veterinary specialist, Paraprofessionals and Paraprofessional Assistants
 - Training proficiency required for the degree, diploma, certificate or any other award entitling the holders thereof to practice
- Exercise effective disciplinary control over the professional ethics and conduct of veterinary practice
- Promote and encourage educational advancement with regard to the practice of the veterinary profession
- Provide information and education as regard to the veterinary profession
- Facilitate collaboration among persons and organisations relating to veterinary practice in order to enhance dignity and integrity of the veterinary profession
- Initiate and provide advice to the body for the time being responsible for regulating the use of veterinary pharmaceuticals drugs and poisons

- Arrange and conduct qualifying examinations to establish competence in veterinary education and practice.
- Perform such functions as may be required under the Veterinary Act.

ADMINISTRATION

CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson is the head of the Council and performs his functions as outlined in the Veterinary Act, No 16. of 2003.

SECRETARIAT

The Council has a Secretariat based at the Ministry which is responsible for administration of Council business.

The Registrar is the head of the Secretariat and secretary to the Council. Other members of the Secretariat are the Deputy Registrar, Technical Personnel, Assistant Registrars and Inspectors who are based at district level.

The secretariat has four sections namely:-

- Registration services
- Inspection of standards and ethics services
- Public private partnership services
- Standards, regulations and guidelines

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

For the purpose of performing its functions the Council has established four committees

The committees include:-

- Registration and Examination
- Disciplinary
- Practice and Facilities Monitoring
- Pharmaceuticals and Biologicals

The Council Committees are responsible to the Council and are established to perform specific functions such as registering and conducting registration examination, Monitoring practice facilities, institute disciplinary measures and advice on regulation of veterinary pharmaceuticals, drugs and poisons.

MAJOR ROLES PERFORMED BY THE FOUR SECTIONS IN THE SECRETARIAT

Registration

- Process application for Registration of Veterinarians, Veterinary specialists and Veterinary Facilities
- Process Enrolment and enlistment of Paraprofessional and Paraprofessional Assistants
- Sensitize and promote registration, enrolment and enlistment
- Promote and encourage professional advancement with regard to practice of the veterinary profession

Inspection of standards and ethics

- Enforce standards for veterinary facilities
- Conduct scope of practice activities by Veterinarians, veterinary specialists, Paraprofessionals and Paraprofessional Assistants
- Conduct inquiry
- Ascertain qualifications of practicing professionals and paraprofessionals
- To advise and recommend on malpractice

Public private partnership

- Establish links between public and private veterinary professionals
- Lobby for sanitary mandate for private practicing service providers
- Coordinate private service delivery
- Sensitize on sustainable delivery systems of veterinary services
- To promote business skills on veterinary practice

Standards, regulations and guidelines

- To liaise with the Ministry Legal Officer on regulations, standards and guidelines pertaining to veterinary profession
- To sensitize on Standards, regulations and guidelines pertaining to veterinary practice
- Propose amendment on guidelines, standards governing veterinary practice
- To harmonize guidelines and regulations governing veterinary practice