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## **The procedure for preparing, organizing and evaluating the aptitude test for veterinarians and reporting the results of the aptitude test**

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The Regulation is established on the basis of Section 15 (6) of the Veterinary Act .

### **§ 1. Scope of regulation**

The regulation establishes the procedure for the preparation, organization and evaluation of the aptitude test performed by a person who has acquired the qualification of a veterinarian outside of a member state of the European Union, a contracting state of the European Economic Area or Switzerland (hereinafter the *applicant* ) to obtain a permit for the profession of a veterinarian, as well as the procedure for reporting the results of the aptitude test.

### **§ 2. Preparation of aptitude test**

(1) The veterinarian aptitude test (hereinafter *the aptitude test* ) is prepared by the Institute of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry of the Estonian University of Life Sciences.

(2) The suitability test must enable checking and evaluating the applicant's professional, special and professional knowledge, skills and expertise, which are necessary for the provision of veterinary services in Estonia.

(3) In addition to what is mentioned in paragraph 2, the aptitude test must allow checking and assessing at least:

- 1) knowledge of legislation regulating veterinary management, animal health, food safety and hygiene, treatment and feeding of animals and the functioning of state veterinary supervision and veterinary control in Estonia;
- 2) knowledge of the professional ethics of a veterinarian and good veterinary practice.

### **§ 3. Organization of aptitude test**

(1) The veterinarian aptitude test is organized by the Institute of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry of the Estonian University of Life Sciences.

(2) The suitability test is organized on the basis of the applicant's application within the time limit specified in § 15 subsection 5 of the Veterinary Act.

(3) In order to apply for the organization of an aptitude test, the applicant submits an application to the Director of the Institute of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry of the Estonian University of Life Sciences (hereinafter referred to as *the Director* ), which contains the information specified in § 14 subsection 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(4) Copies of the following documents shall be attached to the application:

- 1) a document certifying the qualification of a veterinarian;
- 2) a document certifying employment in the profession, if available;
- 3) Decision of the Board of Agriculture and Food on the refusal to grant a permit for the professional activity of a veterinarian.

(5) In order to organize the aptitude test, the director forms an examination committee, based on the study organization regulations of the Estonian University of Life Sciences and the conditions and procedures for awarding bachelor's and master's degrees. At least one representative of the professional organization uniting veterinarians is included in the examination committee.

(6) The exact time of the aptitude test is determined by the examination board.

(7) At least 20 working days before the aptitude test takes place, a document is delivered to the applicant in the manner specified in the application referred to in subsection 3, in which the date, place, form and more detailed assessment procedure and substantive subject areas of the aptitude test are reflected.

(8) The applicant confirms to the Institute of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry of the Estonian University of Life Sciences his wish to take the aptitude test by registering for the aptitude test in writing, electronically or in a form that enables written resubmission no later than ten working days before the day of the aptitude test.

(9) The registered applicant is admitted to the aptitude test on the basis of presenting an identity document.

### **§ 4. Procedure for assessing the results of the aptitude test and reporting the results**

(1) The results of the aptitude test will be assessed by the examination committee in accordance with the procedure established in Regulation No. 36 of the Minister of Education and Science of August 16, 2019 "Uniform assessment system for higher education and conditions and procedures for awarding diplomas and academic certificates" and in the study organization regulations of the Estonian University of Life Sciences.

(2) The results of the suitability test are formalized in a protocol, in which the following are entered:

- 1) the date of preparation of the protocol;
- 2) the date and place of the aptitude test;
- 3) the names of the members of the examination committee who were present when the aptitude test took place;
- 4) names of applicants registered for the aptitude test;

- 5) names of applicants who have arrived to take the aptitude test;
- 6) the results of the applicants who came to take the aptitude test;
- 7) reasoned decision of the examination board on passing the aptitude test.

(3) The document on the result of the aptitude test is delivered to the applicant in the manner indicated in the application specified in subsection 3 of § 3 within ten working days from the day of the examination board's decision.

#### **§ 5. Entry into force of the regulation**

The regulation enters into force on December 1, 2021.

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