

**NOTICE 235 OF 2015****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES  
REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPULSORY  
COMMUNITY SERVICE (CCS)**

I, Senzeni Zokwana , Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, have, in terms of section 43(1)(j) of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982), and after consultation with the South African Veterinary Council, made the regulations in the Schedule



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**MR S ZOKWANA (MP)****MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

## SCHEDULE

### 1 DEFINITIONS

1 In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context indicates otherwise-

1.1 "Department" means the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and "the Act" means the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982);

1.2 Unless otherwise indicated, Minister in these regulations shall mean the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;

1.3 Unless otherwise indicated, Council in these regulations shall mean the South African Veterinary Council.

### 2 PERSONS WHO SHALL PERFORM COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE

2.1 Compulsory community service shall be performed by every person registering for the first time as a veterinarian in terms of the Act and shall include a person who obtained his or her qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa, unless exempted in terms of these regulations.

### 3 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS PERFORMING COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE

3.1 The council shall establish a register wherein all persons performing compulsory community service are registered as such.

3.2 A person desiring to register for compulsory community service shall apply to the council on an application form obtainable from the council for this purpose.

3.3 The application form referred to in subregulation 3.2 shall be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) proof that the provisions contemplated in regulation 23 of the Veterinary and Para –Veterinary Professions Regulations on 1 October 1982 have been met;
- b) a formal application form referred to in regulation 3.2; and
- c) a letter of appointment as a community service veterinarian issued by the Department.

3.4 The Department shall issue a certificate of completion to a person who has completed his or her compulsory community service.

3.5 A person shall, upon receipt of a certificate contemplated in subregulation 3.4, submit a certified copy thereof as proof of such certificate to the council.

3.6 A person performing compulsory community service may only be granted a certificate reflecting particulars contemplated in regulation 3.2.

- 3.7 A person who has been issued with the certificate of compulsory community service shall, upon submitting a certificate of completion issued by the Department, request in writing to be removed by the Council from a register referred to in regulation 3.2.
- 3.8 The Council shall, upon written request, remove a person who has been issued a certificate issued in terms regulation 3.6 from the register referred to in regulation 3.2 above.

#### **4 CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

- 4.1 The conditions of service applicable to the public service employees shall, unless otherwise provided for in these regulations, apply to persons performing compulsory community service.

#### **5 PLACES WHERE COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE IS TO BE PERFORMED**

- 5.1 Categories for places where compulsory community service is to be performed in terms of these regulations shall include, but not limited to:
- 5.1.1 Places for laboratory, diagnostic, research services, academia and commercial veterinary related biologicals production;
- 5.1.2 Places for State Veterinary Services;
- 5.1.3 Places for Animal Welfare Organisations;
- 5.1.4 Places for private practitioners;
- 5.1.5 Places for the South African National Defence Force and the South African Police Services:
- 5.1.6 Places for nature conservations; and

5.1.7 Any other related places or groups.

## **6 INTERRUPTION OF PERIOD OF COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

6.1 Compulsory community service shall be completed within a maximum period of 18 months from the date of first registration as a veterinarian with the Council.

## **7 NON-COMPLIANCE**

7.1 Non-compliance will be dealt with in terms of sub-section 43(3) of the Act.

## **8 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDERWHICH CERTAIN PERSONS MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, exempt persons from performance of compulsory community service under the following circumstances:

- a) Where a person has obtained veterinary related post graduate qualifications outside the Republic of South Africa;
- b) Where resources for performance of such compulsory community service are not available.