

Statutory Instrument 90 of 2002.

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Veterinary Surgeons (Veterinary Laboratory Technologist)
Regulations, 2002

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement has approved the following regulations made by the Council of Veterinary Surgeons in terms of section 48 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act [*Chapter 27:15*]:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Veterinary Laboratory Technologist) Regulations, 2002.

Register

2. The Registrar shall, *mutatis mutandis*, maintain a register of Veterinary Laboratory Technologists in terms of Part III of the Act.

Qualifications of Veterinary Laboratory Technologists

3. The qualifications specified in the First Schedule shall, subject to the Act, qualify the holder thereof for registration on the register of Veterinary Laboratory Technologists.

Duties of Veterinary Laboratory Technologists

4. A registered Veterinary Laboratory Technologist may perform the duties specified in the Second Schedule.

Direction and control

5. A registered Veterinary Laboratory Technologist shall carry out the duties specified in the Second Schedule under the direction and control of a registered veterinary surgeon who has sufficient experience in veterinary diagnostics.

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FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 3)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

(a) **Trainee Veterinary Laboratory Technologist**

Relevant Bachelor of Science Degree

Relevant Full (Honours) Degree

Relevant Masters Degree or relevant Full Degree plus one year attachment with any veterinary laboratory registered with the Council of Veterinary Surgeons.

(b) **Veterinary Laboratory Technologist**

- (i) Part I and II (General) Diploma Examinations in Veterinary Laboratory Technology or the equivalent thereof plus, registration with Council of Veterinary Surgeons or Health Professions Council of Zimbabwe as a qualified Veterinary Laboratory Technologist; or
- (ii) relevant Bachelor of Science Degree and post-qualification experience in excess of two years plus registration with the Council of Veterinary Surgeon or Health Professions Council of Zimbabwe as a qualified Veterinary Laboratory Technologist;
- (iii) in addition to the qualifications detailed in (i) and (ii) above, an officer must have successfully completed the Part III Specialist Diploma Examination in Veterinary Laboratory Technology or its equivalent or a relevant Master Degree;
- (iv) credit may be given for relevant post qualification experience up to a maximum of four (4) years.

SECOND SCHEDULE (Section 4)

DUTIES OF A VETERINARY LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST

1. To perform diagnostic tests according to standard operating procedures.
2. To develop and validate new diagnostic tests ensuring that all necessary quality standards are met.
3. To ensure the efficient performance of diagnostic tests through the proper use and maintenance of laboratory equipment and infrastructure.
4. To accurately record and report all results timeously.
5. To maintain a high level of professionalism and to safeguard client confidentiality at all times.