

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL (SAVC) RULES AND REGULATIONS

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AS PER THE REQUIREMENT OF ISO/IEC 17025, SECTION 4.1.2, SANAS HAS A MANDATE TO ASSESS REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES GOVERNING A CERTAIN FIELD. IN VETERINARY FIELD, SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL (SAVC) IS THE REGULATORY BODY FOR THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS A STATUTORY DUTY TO DETERMINE SCIENTIFIC AND ETHICAL STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND EDUCATION.

Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act 19 of 1982 was amended in 2004 (Government Gazette nr: 26311) to make regulations relating to practicing of a Veterinary and Para-Veterinary profession. The following amendments were made:-

- The Act prohibits unregistered person from practicing any of the professions referred to in the Act or performing any of the procedures referred to in the Act;
- The Act permits the SAVC to authorize a non-registered person in writing to render a service relating to a veterinary or para-veterinary profession and the authorization will be valid for a maximum period of 2 years;
- The Act provides clarity with regards to a Veterinary Laboratory at or from which the registered person renders a laboratory service. The laboratory must employ personnel who are in possession of the applicable prescribed qualifications and are registered at the Council to perform the testing;
- Any analysis performed to certify or confirm diagnosis of a controlled animal disease must be accredited by SANAS according to the latest version of the ISO/IEC 17025 standard and upon accreditation of the analysis the laboratory facility must be approved by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) to perform analysis (added to the Rules of Veterinary Technologists in 2015).

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