



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## *Registrar Policy:*

### *Recognition of International Jurisdictions<sup>i</sup> for Temporary registration applicants*

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#### **Policy Purpose**

To establish guiding criteria for the Registrar's recognition of an international jurisdiction when considering an application for temporary (TEMP) registration as an external licensed veterinarian.

#### **Preamble**

The CVBC bylaws<sup>a</sup> establish a temporary class of registration for veterinarians who hold 'external licensure' (ie. Are already and will continue to be registered to practice veterinary medicine in another jurisdiction). Temporary registration grants a veterinarian the entitlement to practice veterinary medicine in BC for up to a maximum of 30 days over the course of one calendar year, and is available to veterinarians who satisfy the requirements for full registration in either the Private Practice or Specialty Private Practice class (with the exception of requiring completion of the CVBC's Bylaw Examination).

The bylaw definition of "external licensed veterinarian" establishes acceptance of licensure in other Canadian jurisdictions and grants the Registrar discretion for accepting licensure in jurisdictions outside of Canada.

#### **Recognition of International Jurisdictions**

Given that qualification for registration in the TEMP class vs. full Private Practice or Specialty Private Practice is successful completion of the Bylaw & Ethics Examination, the Registrar adopts the position that recognition of an international jurisdiction should be founded on similarity of regulatory framework which could include registration, standards of practice, continuing professional development requirements, ethics and conduct expectations, and an established process for receiving and investigating complaints from the public regarding competence and conduct-related issues.

Without necessarily limiting consideration of other factors that an applicant may present for the Registrar's consideration, the Registrar will recognize an international jurisdiction (for the purposes of TEMP registration) if that jurisdiction is home to an AVMA-accredited veterinary college<sup>ii</sup>. Where a veterinary school in an international jurisdiction has

successfully undertaken to acquire and maintain AVMA accreditation, it is reasonable to conclude that the standards adopted by the veterinary college will be reflected in the standards adopted by veterinarians in practice and upheld by the regulator.

## Bylaw References

### <sup>a</sup> Part 2 – Registration

#### s. 2.1 Definitions

(15) “**external licensed veterinarian**” means a person who

- (a) is registered or licensed as a veterinarian by a regulatory body in another province of Canada or a foreign jurisdiction [*see end-note<sup>i</sup>*] recognized by the registrar, and holds substantially the same class of registration as required of an active registrant;

#### s. 2.2 Classes of Registration

(1) The following classes of registration are considered active and eligible for full, provisional or limited registration:

- (a) private practice class;
- (b) public sector class;
- (c) specialty private practice class; and
- (d) temporary class for an external licensed veterinarian

#### s. 2.15 Temporary registration for an external licensed veterinarian

(1) This section applies only to an external licensed veterinarian as defined in this Part, intending to provide locum services in British Columbia.

(2) Pursuant to section 32(1) of the Act, an applicant for temporary registration must:

- (a) satisfy the criteria and documentation for private practice registration or specialty practice registration, as applicable, except a passing grade on the college’s ethics and bylaw examination;
- (b) provide a signed declaration that the applicant has read, understands and will comply with the Act, the bylaws and any applicable code or standards; and
- (c) provide a signed letter of undertaking agreeing to restrict the temporary veterinary practice in accordance with the direction of the committee.

(3) The registrar will refer an application for temporary registration to the committee if the registrar is not satisfied the applicant meets the statutory and bylaw requirements.

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<sup>i</sup> While the CVBC’s bylaws use the phrase “foreign jurisdictions”, “international jurisdictions” is used within this document, in preference over “foreign jurisdictions” when referring to any jurisdiction external to Canada..

<sup>ii</sup> The American Veterinary Medical Association’s (AVMA) Council on Education establishes and enforces standards across all aspects of operation for veterinary colleges, including physical facilities & equipment, clinical resources, information resources, students, admissions, faculty, curriculum, research programs and outcomes assessment, among other things. See the [AVMA Council on Education website](#) for more information