

## **Guide to Applicants for Authorization to Advertise as and/or Profess to be a Veterinary Specialist in Hong Kong**

The Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong (the “Board”) has approved the following –

### **Eligibility**

Applicant must be a registered veterinary surgeon in Hong Kong with a valid practising certificate.

### **Recognized Qualifications**

Holders of specialist qualifications recognized by the following institutions may be granted authorization to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong –

- (a) American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS);
- (b) European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS); or
- (c) Advisory Committee on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists (ACRVS) in Australia and New Zealand

Applicants are required to produce evidence to the effect that they have been recognized or are recognizable by any of the above institutions.

### **Procedures**

- (i) An application for authorization to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong under paragraph 29.3 of the Code of Practice for the Guidance of Registered Veterinary Surgeons (the “Code”) shall be made in writing, and must be delivered to the Secretary at the following address, together with the original or certified true copy of the document evidencing the qualification by virtue of which the applicant is applying for authorization –

The Secretary  
Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong  
5/F., Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road  
Kowloon, Hong Kong

- (ii) The Secretary shall refer the application to the Committee on Applications for Authorization to Advertise as and/or Profess to be a Veterinary Specialist (the “Committee”) as soon as practicable after receiving the application.
- (iii) The Committee shall, as soon as practicable, consider the application in private meeting or by circulation of paper, and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether it is satisfied that the applicant is qualified to be authorized to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong under paragraph 29.3 of the Code.
- (iv) Before making a recommendation under (iii), the Committee may cause to be made such further investigations and may obtain such additional advice or assistance as it considers necessary. This includes, but is not limited to, inviting the applicant to submit additional information, to make written representations, and to invite expert’s opinion.
- (v) Where the Committee makes a recommendation that it is not satisfied that the applicant is qualified for authorization to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong under paragraph 29.3 of the Code, it shall state its reasons for the recommendation and the Secretary shall refer the application with the recommendation of the Committee together with the reasons for the rejection, to the Board for consideration.
- (vi) On receipt of a recommendation from the Committee, the Board shall, as soon as practicable, consider the application.
- (vii) A member of the Committee who took part in making a recommendation on an application under (iii) shall not take part in the consideration of and decision on the same application as a member of the Board.

- (viii) If the Board is satisfied that the applicant is qualified for authorization to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong under paragraph 29.3 of the Code, it shall approve the application. The Secretary shall notify the applicant in writing of the decision within 14 days of the decision of the Board.
- (ix) If the Board is not satisfied that the applicant is qualified for authorization to advertise as and/or profess to be a veterinary specialist in Hong Kong under paragraph 29.3 of the Code, it shall reject the application and state its reasons for the decision. The Secretary shall notify the applicant in writing of the decision and the reasons for the decision within 14 days of the decision of the Board.

### **Enquiries**

More information can be obtained through –

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Kowloon, Hong Kong

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The Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong  
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