

VETERINARY COUNCIL OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the _____, 2025

No./VCI/Rules/2025/.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 64 of the Veterinary Council of India Act, 1984 (52 of 1984), the Central Government hereby makes the following Rules namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These Rules may be called the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette of India.

2. Definitions.— (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “Act” means the of India Veterinary Council Act, 1984
- (b) “Council” means the Veterinary Council of India constituted under section 3 of the IVC, Act 1984;
- (c) “Foreign Veterinary Graduate” means an individual who has earned a basic graduation or primary qualification (undergraduate Veterinary degree) from a veterinary university or college that is not recognized by the Veterinary Council of India
- (d) “Veterinary Medicine” means modern scientific Veterinary Medicine and all its branches and including Animal Husbandry Practices
- (e) Primary Veterinary qualification” means a veterinary qualification awarded by any veterinary institution outside India which is a recognized qualification for enrolment as veterinary practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated and which is equivalent to B.V.Sc.& AH in India
- (f) “Registration” is the registration of eligible persons with a duly recognized primary Veterinary qualification as regulated under the provisions of Chapter VI of the Act, which permits or provides license, to an individual, to independently practice, modern scientific system of Veterinary Medicine in India.
- (g) “Schedule” means the Schedule annexed to these Rules;
- (h) ”Supervised Internship” means training of an intern by mentors so that he becomes a clinician with reliable competencies in diagnostic and therapeutic skills in different disciplines of Veterinary Medicine, appropriate for a veterinary doctor or physician, to independently provide safe preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and holistic care with compassion and is confident of handling common acute emergencies.
- (i) “mentor” refers to an educational institution in Government or Private sector, having included in the Schedule 1 of IVC Act 1984, that provides a supervised internship program.

(2) Words and expressions used in these Rules and not defined herein but defined in the Act, shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Act.

3. Prohibition of foreign Veterinary graduate to practice Veterinary Medicine in India.—No foreign Veterinary graduate shall practice Veterinary Medicine in India, unless he is granted registration in accordance with the provisions of these Rules as specified in the Schedule.

4. Grant of registration to Foreign Veterinary Graduate.—No foreign Veterinary graduate shall be granted permanent registration, unless he has—

- (a) (i) undergone a course leading to foreign Veterinary degree with minimum duration of fifty-four months;
- (ii) Undergone an internship for a minimum duration of twelve months in the same foreign Veterinary institution;
- (iii) Received a foreign Veterinary degree with medium of instructions in English and

(iv) studied the mandatory subjects specified in the Veterinary Council of India Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education- (Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry - Degree Course) Regulations, 2016 as amended from time to time;

(b) registered with the respective professional regulatory body or otherwise, competent to grant registration to practice Veterinary Medicine in their respective jurisdiction of the country in which the Veterinary degree is awarded and at par with the registration to practice Veterinary Medicine given to citizen of that country;

(c) undergone supervised internship in India for a minimum term of twelve months, after applying for the same to the Veterinary Council of India

(d) has cleared any test/tests to be conducted by the Council or any other Institution selected by Central Government, by notification.

5. Applicability of these Rules.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in regulation 4, these Rules shall not be applicable—

(a) to such foreign Veterinary graduates who are specifically covered under Schedule II and/or other institutions getting covered under as per extant Government Rules by the Council or the Central Government, as the case may be, by notification.

(b) to candidates who are pursuing their education in foreign institutions prior to the coming into force of these regulations; and

(c) to such foreign veterinary graduates who are specifically exempted by the Central Government, by notification.

(2) The foreign Veterinary graduates who have acquired a foreign Veterinary degree or primary qualification, as the case may be, and the candidates who are pursuing their education in foreign institutions, prior to the coming into force of these Rules, shall be governed, by the erstwhile applicable Rules.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, no grant of registration to practice Veterinary Medicine, shall be issued if the same infringes upon public policy or national security.

SCHEDULE

CRITERIA TO RECOGNISE FOREIGN VETERINARY GRADUATES APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE IN INDIA

1. The guiding principle for licensing a foreign Veterinary graduate to practice in India is to ensure that the Foreign Veterinary Graduate fulfills the requirements of education and training equivalent or commensurate with that of an Indian Veterinary graduate.

2. Eligibility for primary Veterinary qualification in a country outside India:

(i) Duration of course and training in subjects leading to primary Veterinary qualification:

(a) Any person who pursue the foreign Veterinary degree should have undergone a course of theory, practical and clinical training equivalent to Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc & AH) of India; and

(b) Should have been completed internship of twelve months in addition to such course referred to in clause (a), in the same foreign institution where the primary Veterinary qualification has been obtained, along with hands-on training in clinical subjects including but not limited to Veterinary Medicine (and all subjects as mentioned in MSVE Rules from time to time) and their sub-specialties.

(ii) Content of course or Training leading to primary Veterinary qualification

(a) The course and internship shall commensurate with the B.V.Sc & A.H course of India in accordance with the Veterinary Council of India Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education- (Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry - Degree Course) Regulations, 2016 as amended from time to time, and shall include the subjects mentioned therein as are duly recognized by the Council.

(b) The course curriculum shall be made available for review by appropriate authorities, and if necessary, in the website of the institution or university where the course is being pursued at the time of joining the course.

(iii) Location of Veterinary college or institution and administration of the course or training:

The entire course, training and internship shall be done outside India in the same foreign Veterinary institution throughout the course of study and no part of Veterinary training and internship shall be done in India or in any country other than country from where the primary Veterinary qualification is obtained.

(iv) Duration of course:

The total duration of the foreign Veterinary graduation course shall be completed within ten years from the date of joining the course.

