



Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria

INFORMATION ON NRVR IN VICTORIA

The Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria (the Board) has great pleasure in advising that National Recognition of Veterinary Registration will be implemented in Victoria from 1 January 2011.

What does this mean for you?

As of the 1 January 2011, you will be deemed to be registered to practise in Victoria if you hold current unencumbered general or specialist registration in another Australian jurisdiction (interstate right to practise). This recognition will not apply to holders of any other registration category.

Where should I maintain registration?

You must hold registration in the state/territory of your "principal place of residence". This is considered to be the address which is maintained on the electoral role.

If I hold secondary registration in Victoria, do I need to renew my registration in Victoria in 2011?

No – from 1 January 2011, secondary registration will cease to exist in Victoria and if you hold current registration and reside in another Australian jurisdiction, you will not be required to apply for or pay an additional fee for registration in Victoria.

Who is eligible for National Recognition of Registration in Victoria?

If you hold general or specialist registration in another Australian jurisdiction, you are deemed to be registered to practise in Victoria therefore no longer required to maintain a separate registration status in Victoria.

If I have move to Victoria and I am registered in another jurisdiction, what should I do?

From 1 January 2011, you will not be required to register in Victoria until your interstate registration expires; however you must ensure that you make application for registration in Victoria PRIOR to the expiration of your registration.

What do I need to do to practice in Victoria?

The introduction of National Recognition of Veterinary Registration does not diminish the legal obligation of every registered veterinary practitioner practising in Victoria to ensure they are familiar with and understand the relevant Victorian Acts of Parliament and associated regulations including:

- The Veterinary Practice Act 1997 (Victoria) as amended
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992
- Domestic (Feral and Nuisance Animals) Act 1994
- Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981
- Radiation Act 2005
- Evidence Act 2008
- Livestock Disease Control Act 1994
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986
- Stock (Seller Liability and Declarations) Act 1993
- Therapeutic Goods (Victoria) Act 2010

along with the Board's published Guidelines and quarterly "*Board Update*". These are available on the Board's website <http://www.vetboard.vic.gov.au>.

If I hold Secondary Registration in Victoria, will my name remain on the Victorian public register?

No – your name will be removed from the Victorian public register unless you maintain general registration in Victoria.

How do I receive future Board publications and newsletters?

The Board's newsletter and publications are available freely on the website <http://www.vetboard.vic.gov.au>. Hardcopies of the Handbook, Vetlist and Guidelines are available for an additional fee. Please contact the Board's office to obtain hard copies.

If you require further information or clarification regarding the above, please contact the Board's office during business hours on (03) 9620 7444.