



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## *Temporary Registration Committee Policy during COVID Pandemic: Provisional Active Registration Decisions*

Approved by Council on April 14, 2020

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### **Purpose**

A passing grade on the CVBC's bylaw and ethics examination is a requirement for registration in the Private Practice, Specialty Private Practice and Public Sector classes of registration [section 2.12(1)(e) of the CVBC Bylaws (Part 2 – Registration)]. These written examinations are held monthly at the CVBC office in Richmond, BC.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CVBC has suspended all in-person sessions, including the bylaw examinations, until further notice, effective March 18, 2020. It is uncertain when the CVBC will be able to resume bylaw examination sessions. This creates an obstacle to completion of the application for registration process for veterinarians currently seeking CVBC licensure.

### **Policy**

The Registration Committee will consider applicant requests for *Provisional Active Registration* (pursuant to Bylaw s. 2.8) until it is deemed safe to resume in-person exam sessions or an alternate acceptable method of administering the exam is established.

Eligibility for committee consideration for a Provisional Registration decision requires that:

- The application must be otherwise complete (all application requirements established in the bylaws and the CVBC's Application for Registration form must be satisfied); and
- The applicant has independently reviewed the *Veterinarians Act* and the CVBC's bylaws, standards and policies (available on the CVBC's website, [www.cvbc.ca](http://www.cvbc.ca), at Resources/Legislation, Standards and Policies), and has signed & submitted the "Applicant Declaration of Independent Review of CVBC Legislation, Standards & Guidelines" [see p.2]

Provisional Active Registration, if granted, will be subject to successful completion of the CVBC Bylaw & Ethics Examination within a time period established by the Registration Committee. Bylaw sections 2.8 and 2.9 establish the Committee's authority to place limits or conditions on the applicant's practice, to extend the time period to remedy the application, and to take action should the applicant fail to remedy the application.

*This policy will be retired by the Registration Committee upon resolution of the COVID-19 related state of emergency declared by the Provincial Government.*



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### Declaration of Independent Review of CVBC Legislation, Standards & Guidelines

As an applicant seeking registration with the CVBC for the purposes of practising veterinary medicine in the province of British Columbia, I recognize the importance of being familiar with provincial legislation and the CVBC's bylaw requirements and practice standards.

The CVBC is presently unable to conduct its regular Bylaw and Ethics Examination sessions due to the COVID-19 global health crisis. I am asking the Registration Committee to grant Provisional Active Registration to me, pending my successful completion of the Bylaw and Ethics Examination once exam sessions resume.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that I have independently reviewed the BC *Veterinarians Act*, and all CVBC Bylaws, Standards and Guidelines, as posted on the CVBC website. I understand that, as a CVBC registrant, it will be my duty to be familiar with, respect, and comply with the *Veterinarians Act*, Bylaws and any Standards and Guidelines approved by Council, and will seek guidance from the CVBC if I do not understand the expectations and requirements established therein.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_