

## **Registration to work as a Veterinary Nurse in Western Australia**

Upon completion of the required qualification, applications can now be processed online and returned with the prescribed fee to the Veterinary Practice Board. If approved by the Board, registration will need to be renewed each year before 30 June in order to continue working as a veterinary nurse.

### **Required qualifications**

Successful completion of the current Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing course at an approved registered training organisation qualifies graduates to apply for registration as a Veterinary Nurse with the Veterinary Practice Board (Board).

For approved registered training organisations please visit the training.gov.au website – [Click here](#).

The Board recognises the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing as the minimum education requirement to register and work as a veterinary nurse in Western Australia. Holders of qualifications other than the Certificate IV, please review the FAQ's information provided below or contact the Board office.

### **FAQ's**

#### **I am a new graduate veterinary nurse but have not yet gained employment at a veterinary practice. Am I able to register as a Veterinary Nurse?**

Yes, new graduate veterinary nurses can register as a veterinary nurse whilst they seek employment opportunities. If you experience a period of 12 months or more of non-practising, please contact the Board office to discuss your ongoing registration options. It is important to note that you can only practise as a veterinary nurse or technologist under the direction of a veterinarian.

#### **I hold a current Australian Veterinary Nurse or Technology qualification different to the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, am I able to register to work as a Veterinary Nurse in Western Australia?**

Yes, other qualifications that are considered to be equivalent are accepted to register and work as a veterinary nurse in WA. The Board follows the recommendations set by the industry. Please see the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA) approved list of qualifications accepted.

#### [Recognised & Approved Veterinary Nursing Qualifications](#)

If your qualification is not on the VNCA approved list of qualifications, please contact the Board office. Eligibility for registration is considered by the Board and determined on a case by case basis.

#### **I hold an overseas Veterinary Nursing or Technology qualification, am I able to register to work as a veterinary nurse in Western Australia?**

The Board may accept overseas veterinary nursing and technology qualifications. If your qualification is not on the VNCA approved and recognised list of qualifications ([Recognised & Approved Veterinary Nursing Qualifications](#)), please contact the Board office. Eligibility for registration is considered by the Board and determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### **I am a qualified Veterinary Nurse or Veterinary Technologist who has had a period of non-practice of 3 or more years and have not maintained registration. I would like to return to the industry and register to work as a veterinary nurse, am I able to apply for registration?**

Yes, the Board supports qualified and experienced veterinary nurses and veterinary technologists return to industry. Please contact the Board office to discuss your registration options and return to work pathway.

**I am a veterinarian with an overseas qualification that is not recognised in Australia. Can I register and work as a veterinary nurse in Western Australia?**

No. Veterinarians who do not also hold an appropriate veterinary nursing qualification are not eligible for registration as a veterinary nurse. If your ambition is to register and work as a veterinary nurse in WA, please contact a registered training organisation to discuss your training pathway options. For a list of approved registered training organisations, please visit the training.gov.au website – [Click here.](#)