



GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AS AN HONORARY VETERINARIAN

INTRODUCTION

The Veterinary Practice Board (Board) grants honorary registration to veterinarians who satisfy the age and service criteria. Assessment of standing in the veterinary community is considered on a case by case basis. These guidelines have been compiled to assist veterinarians seeking honorary registration by clarifying what supporting information is required.

APPLICATION OF THESE GUIDELINES

These Guidelines apply from and including 14 February 2023.

These Guidelines may be superseded by subsequent versions. To ascertain whether this version has been superseded, view the current version on the Board's website at www.vpbwa.org.au

It is the responsibility of veterinarians who are registered as an Honorary Veterinarian, to be conversant with the current version of these Guidelines.

LEGISLATION

Section 12 of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2021* (Act) states:

'The requirements for honorary registration as a WA veterinarian are as follows —

- (a) the person meets the requirements for general registration as a WA veterinarian described in section 10;
- (b) the person —
 - (i) has standing in the profession of veterinary science that justifies the honorary registration of the person; and
 - (ii) has held registration as a veterinarian for at least 40 years.'

CRITERIA

Applicants must demonstrate to the Board that their standing within the profession is such that they are eligible for honorary registration and they must meet the criterion of s12.

A history of employment as a veterinarian for an extended period in academia, private practice, government or other fields without incurring disciplinary proceedings by the Board is not in itself sufficient grounds to be eligible for honorary registration.

Applicants must demonstrate a significant contribution to the veterinary profession and/or the public, preferably in a voluntary or pro bono capacity. Examples of work which would be highly regarded include:

- the Australian Veterinary Association Divisional or National Executives;
- the Veterinary Practice Board; or the former Board (Veterinary Surgeons' Board)
- animal welfare organisations;
- wildlife rescue services;
- international relief work or animal rescue;

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- mentoring or supporting other veterinarians in their careers; or
- providing pro bono continuing education to the veterinary profession.

Applicants need to be aware that the Board may make enquiries with organisations to verify information contained in applications for Honorary registration.

SUMMARY

Honorary registration will only be granted to those veterinarians who meet the criteria and are of sufficient standing within the profession. Applicants must provide evidence to the Board of a significant contribution to the profession in the form of service which is over and above that of their employment.

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