



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Registration Committee Policy: *Eligibility for Public Sector Registration*

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Preamble

The CVBC's registration bylaws (Part 2) establish different classes of active registrant and their requirements – Private Practice, Specialty Private Practice, Public Sector and Temporary for External Licensed Veterinarians.

The Public Sector class of registration is available to veterinarians who are able to provide:

proof of employment as a veterinarian in British Columbia by the Crown in right of Canada or by the Province of British Columbia or other similar employment

(CVBC Bylaws, Part 2 – Registration¹, s. 2.13(2)(b))

A veterinarian with proof of employment in the public sector may be granted Public Sector registration even without a Certificate of Qualification. However, a Public Sector registrant's privilege to practice veterinary medicine in BC is restricted to the scope and duration of the public sector employment that was the basis for their registration.

The intent of this policy is to clarify what forms of “other similar employment” would qualify for Public Sector registration.

Position

The Registration Committee's position is that this form of registration is intended to be accessible only to veterinarians employed within the public sector, which can reasonably be defined to be “work on behalf of the government”². The bylaws expressly identify employment with either the federal or provincial governments; “similar” employment may constitute employment by another level of government or by a delegated public sector organization providing services on behalf of/under the authority of a government.

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¹ CVBC Bylaws, Part 2 – Registration (<https://www.cvbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Part-2-Registration-Approved-1.pdf>)

² The BC Provincial Government uses this term as follows: “Public sector organizations deliver programs and services for B.C. citizens on behalf of government ministries...” (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/public-sector-management/public-sector-organizations>)