STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 175

VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations Order of Council 2026

Made - - - -	*23rd February 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2026*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 23rd day of February 2026

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has made the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 ("the Regulations"), which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**a**) ("the Act").

By virtue of section 25(1) of the Act, the Regulations do not have effect unless approved by order of the Privy Council.

Their Lordships make this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 25(1) and (2) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations Order of Council 2026 and comes into force on 1st April 2026.

Approval

2. The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 set out in the Schedule are approved.

Revocation

3. The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations Order of Council 2025(**b**) is revoked.

(**a**) 1966 c. 36; section 11(7) was repealed by S.I. 2019/454.
(**b**) S.I. 2025/185.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

The Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in exercise of its powers under section 11 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, makes the following Regulations.

1.—(1) The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) Regulations 2014(**a**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1)—

(a) in the definition of "voluntary removal", for "." substitute ";";

(b) after the definition of "voluntary removal", insert—

> ""year of registration" means the period beginning with 1st April preceding the date of registration (or if registration takes place on 1st April, beginning with the date of registration) and ending with the following 31st March (or if registration takes place on 31st March, ending with the date of registration).".

(3) For regulation 10 substitute—

> **"10.** Subject to regulation 11, a person applying for registration in the temporary list of the register must pay the following—
>
> (a) for registration on or before 31st March 2027, the relevant fee specified in column A of Table 2;
>
> (b) for registration after 31st March 2027, the relevant fee specified in column B of Table 2.".

(4) In regulation 11, after "six months or less" insert ", in which case the registration fee for practice restricted to a period of six months or less is payable".

(5) For regulation 14 substitute—

> **"14.** A temporary registrant must pay the following—
>
> (a) for retention in a retention fee year beginning on or before 31st March 2027, the retention fee specified in column A of Table 2 at the beginning of the retention fee year;
>
> (b) for retention in a retention fee year beginning after 31st March 2027, the retention fee specified in column B of Table 2 at the beginning of the retention fee year.".

(6) For regulation 15 substitute—

> **"15.** All other registrants must—
>
> (a) for retention in the retention fee year beginning on 1st April 2026, pay the following retention fee at the beginning of the retention fee year—
>
> (i) if payment is received on or before 30th April 2026, the relevant fee specified in column A of Table 3, or

(**a**) As approved by S.I. 2014/3493 and amended as approved by S.I. 2025/185.

(ii) if payment is received after 30th April 2026, the relevant fee specified in column B of Table 3;

(b) for retention in a retention fee year beginning on or after 1st April 2027, pay the following retention fee at the beginning of the retention fee year—

(i) if payment is received on or before 30th April of the retention fee year in question, the relevant fee specified in column C of Table 3, or

(ii) if payment is received after 30th April of the retention fee year in question, the relevant fee specified in column D of Table 3.".

(7) In regulation 19—

(a) in paragraph (2), for "column A of Table 3" substitute "column A of Table 3 (in the case of restoration in the retention fee year beginning on 1st April 2026) or column C of Table 3 (in the case of restoration in a retention fee year beginning on or after 1st April 2027)";

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b), after "1st October" insert "of the retention fee year in question".

(8) For regulation 20 substitute—

"20. A registrant in the general, Commonwealth or foreign list of the register or the supplemental veterinary register, who is removed by voluntary removal before 1st October in any year, shall be refunded 50% of the following—

(a) in the case of voluntary removal in the year of registration beginning on 1st April 2026, the relevant registration fee set out in column A of Table 1;

(b) in the case of voluntary removal in the retention fee year beginning on 1st April 2026, the relevant retention fee set out in column A of Table 3;

(c) in the case of voluntary removal in a year of registration beginning on or after 1st April 2027, the relevant registration fee set out in column B of Table 1;

(d) in the case of voluntary removal in a retention fee year beginning on or after 1st April 2027, the relevant retention fee set out in column C of Table 3.".

(9) For Part 4 (Fees payable) substitute—

"PART 4

Fees payable

Table 1

Registration fees payable under regulation 9

Type of registrant	*Column A* *Fee payable for registration on or before 31st March 2027 (£)*	*Column B* *Fee payable for registration after 31st March 2027 (£)*
New graduates registered by 31st December following graduation	214	221
Other persons registered in the period beginning with 1st April in the year of registration and ending with 30th September in the year of registration	431	443

Type of registrant	*Column A* *Fee payable for registration on or before 31st March 2027 (£)*	*Column B* *Fee payable for registration after 31st March 2027 (£)*
Other persons registered in the period beginning with 1st October in the year of registration and ending with 31st March in the year of registration	214	221

Table 2

Fees for temporary registrants payable under regulations 10, 11 and 14

Type of fee	*Column A* *Fee payable for registration on or before 31st March 2027 or for retention in a retention fee year beginning on or before 31st March 2027 (£)*	*Column B* *Fee payable for registration after 31st March 2027 or for retention in a retention fee year beginning after 31st March 2027 (£)*
Normal registration fee	431	443
Registration fee for practice restricted to a period of six months or less	214	221
Retention fee	431	443

Table 3

Retention fees payable under regulation 15

Circumstances	*Column A* *Fee payable under regulation 15(a)(i) (£)*	*Column B* *Fee payable under regulation 15(a)(ii) (£)*	*Column C* *Fee payable under regulation 15(b)(i) (£)*	*Column D* *Fee payable under regulation 15(b)(ii) (£)*
Standard registrant	431	468	443	482
Overseas practising registrant	214	251	221	259
Non-practising registrant	71	108	73	111

Table 4

Additional fees payable under regulations 16 and 17

Fee paid (£)	*New circumstance*	*Extra sum payable if change takes place before 1st October of the retention fee year in question (£)*	*Extra sum payable if change takes place on or after 1st October of the retention fee year in question (£)*
71 or 108	Practising, but not in the British Islands	143	72
73 or 111	Practising, but not in the British Islands	147	74
71 or 108	Practising in the British Islands	359	180
73 or 111	Practising in the British Islands	370	186
214 or 251	Practising in the British Islands	216	108
221 or 259	Practising in the British Islands	223	111

Table 5

Credits payable under regulation 18

Fee paid (£)	*New circumstance*	*Sum to be credited (£)*
431 or 468	Non-practising registrant	180
443 or 482	Non-practising registrant	186
431 or 468	Overseas practising registrant	108
443 or 482	Overseas practising registrant	111
214 or 251	Non-practising registrant	72
221 or 259	Non-practising registrant	74

Table 6

Restoration fees payable under regulation 19

Type of restoration	*Fee payable for restoration on or before 31st March 2027 (£)*	*Fee payable for restoration after 31st March 2027 (£)*
Restoration under section 11(3) of the Act following removal for non-receipt of retention fee	431	443
Restoration in other circumstances	133	137".

Pursuant to a resolution of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on 5th January 2026, the Common Seal of the said Royal College was affixed on the 8th January 2026 in the presence of—

L.S.

Tim Parkin
Member of Council

Linda Ford
Member of Council

Clare Paget
Officer of the College

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order of Council)

This Order approves the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 made by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons ("RCVS") under section 11 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (c. 36) on 8th January 2026. Those Regulations substitute a new Part 4 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) Regulations 2014 ("the 2014 Regulations") (S.I. 2014/3493) and make related amendments to regulations 2, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of the 2014 Regulations.

The new Part 4 of the 2014 Regulations provides for two years of increases in the fees for registration and retention of names in the register of the RCVS. It provides for an increase of approximately 3% from 1st April 2026 and a further increase of approximately 3% from 1st April 2027. The amendments to regulations 2, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of the 2014 Regulations clarify those regulations and ensure their continued compatibility with the new two-year structure of Part 4.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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