STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 1082

VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Veterinary Surgeons (Recognition of University Degree) (Harper and Keele) Order of Council 2025

Made - - - -	*13th October 2025*
Laid before Parliament	*15th October 2025*
Coming into force - -	*5th November 2025*

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 13th day of October 2025

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

Harper Adams University and the University of Keele are universities in the United Kingdom providing courses of study and examinations leading to the joint award of a veterinary degree.

It appears to the Privy Council, after consultation with the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, that the courses of study and examinations are sufficient to guarantee that holders of the degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVetMS) jointly conferred by Harper Adams University and the University of Keele will have acquired the knowledge and skill needed for the efficient practice of veterinary surgery.

Their Lordships make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Recognition of University Degree) (Harper and Keele) Order of Council 2025.

(2) This Order comes into force on 5th November 2025.

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Recognition of university degree

2. Anyone on whom Harper Adams University and the University of Keele jointly confer the degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVetMS) is qualified to be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and is, on application in the manner and on payment of the fee prescribed by regulations of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

(**a**) 1966 c. 36; section 3(1) was amended by S.I. 2008/1824 and S.I. 2019/454.

made under section 11 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**a**), entitled to be registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons and on so being registered becomes a member of that College.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order of Council provides for the recognition of the degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVetMS) jointly conferred by Harper Adams University and the University of Keele. Such recognition entitles the holder of that degree, after satisfying the relevant requirements of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as to procedure and payment of a fee, to be registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons, which confers membership of the College.

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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