



Policy on Provisional Registration

1 Legislation

The Veterinarians Act 2005 provides:

- 15 Provisional registration
- (1) If an applicant is applying for the first time under this Act for registration (other than for limited registration), the Council may offer to the applicant a certificate of provisional registration pending a decision by the Council on the person's registration application.
 - (2) Before making an offer, the Council must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the applicant appears to be entitled under section 6 to be registered.
 - (3) If the applicant accepts an offer by the Council, the Council must —
 - (a) register the applicant and enter his or her name in the register for a period not exceeding 3 months; and
 - (b) notify the applicant in writing that he or she is provisionally registered; and
 - (c) issue the applicant with —
 - (i) a certificate of provisional registration; and
 - (ii) a practising certificate for the period of the provisional registration (subject to the conditions of practice that the Council considers appropriate, if any).
 - (4) Despite subsection (3)(a), the Council may renew a person's certificate of provisional registration and practising certificate, once only, for a further period not exceeding 3 months.
 - (5) The Council may, at any time, cancel the registration of a person under this section, but must give the person written notice of and reasons for the cancellation.
- 16 Change from provisional to full registration
- If the Council is satisfied that a person with provisional registration is fit for registration under section 12(2), the Council must —
- (a) register the person; and
 - (b) notify the person in writing of his or her change in registration status; and
 - (c) issue the person with a certificate of registration.

2 Policy

The Council has delegated to the Registration Committee the power to approve applications for registration under s12 of the Veterinarians Act.

When an applicant is seeking registration prior to the next Registration Committee meeting, provisional registration can be provided under s15 of the Act pending the Registration Committee's decision on the application.

The Council has delegated the Registration Committee the power to approve provisional registration. This delegation requires two members of the Registration Committee to consider and make decisions on provisional registration, or one member of the Registration Committee and the Registrar in circumstances where two committee members are not available, or in the case of Massey new graduates

The Veterinarians Act does not provide for provisional registration to be available to limited or specialist registration applicants