



Veterinary Council Update – May 2015

1. Advice from MPI – Veterinary Bonding Scheme – re-opening for waiting list

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has received 30 eligible applications for this year's round of the Veterinary Bonding Scheme.

The scheme supports new graduate veterinarians working in rural practices in the production animal area. It provides a taxable payment of \$11,000 for every year, up to five years, for veterinarians that work in an eligible practice. The scheme is currently capped at 30 participants per year.

MPI have reopened the funding round on Monday 4 May 2015 to create a waiting list in the event that any of the participants recently accepted in the scheme withdraw in the first two years. This is an enhancement to the scheme that the profession (through the NZVA and VCNZ) and with MPI support negotiated for towards the end of last year.

To find out more and apply visit the [Grants Management System Portal](#).

Applications close Friday 15 May at 3pm.

2. Revised MPI Notices – Requirements for Authorising Veterinarians and Veterinary Operating Instructions – request for comments by 29 May 2015

The Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (ACVM) Group of MPI is seeking the views of the profession on its proposed revised requirements for veterinarians who authorise the purchase and use of restricted veterinary medicines (RVMs). VCNZ and NZVA contributed to the review process.

The revised requirements are set out in the following draft documents:

- [ACVM Notice: Requirements for Veterinarians recognised to authorise purchase and use of RVMs](#)
- [ACVM Guidance: Veterinary Operating Instructions; Requirements for Authorising Veterinarians](#)

Please send any comments to MPI.Approvals@mpi.govt.nz by 29 May 2015.