



## VCNZ update – October 2016

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### Minimum practising standards checklists

At the moment, as part of your Annual Practising Certificate (APC) application, you have to declare that you're aware of and comply with Council's minimum practising standards. These are set out in the Code of Professional Conduct.

To help with this, we've developed a number of minimum practising standards checklists. We hope these will help vets, especially those in clinical practice, monitor how they're doing compared to the requirements. The checklists reflect what's already in the Code, so nothing should come as a surprise.

The checklists also provide clear information to practice owners on the required standards.

### 2017/18 APC round

We'll be introducing the checklists gradually, starting with a pilot during the 2017/18 APC renewal round. After that, we plan to bring out two new checklists a year.

As part of your APC renewal, you'll be asked to confirm that you're complying with the [Communications and Informed Consent](#) and [Records](#) standards by completing the checklists and saving them with your CPD records.

We recommend that you complete the checklists well in advance of the APC renewal process, so you can identify and have time to address any issues.

If you can't comply with the checklist, this won't usually stop you getting your APC. See our [website](#) for more details.

We've consulted on the checklists in the past and the two being piloted have been signed off by Council's Professional Standards Committee. We're happy to receive any further feedback on the checklists and the pilot.

Please send your feedback or any questions to [Wayne Ricketts](#).

### 2015/16 Annual report

Our annual report is now online. You can read it [here](#).

### Consultation of proposed Annual Practising Certificate for the 2017/18 practising year

Council is proposing a 5.1% increase to the APC fee for 2017/18. Please read the [consultation document](#) and send us your feedback on this proposal by 11 November.