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Have you renewed your APC?

Your APC expires on 1 April and it's illegal to practise without one. If you haven't renewed yours, please do this now.

You should have received an email from admin@vetcouncil.org.nz with details on how to renew. The email was sent on 7 February 2018.

Contact us urgently if you haven't renewed and you can't find the email.

Code update

We're still working on the review of the Veterinary Medicines section of the Code.

We asked for your feedback on the proposed changes last year. We received lots of useful, relevant feedback. This took a while to work through, and now we're using that feedback to make changes to the draft.

We'll be consulting with the profession again once we've made the revisions.

US study on the veterinary profession

There's some interesting reading from the Merck Animal Health Veterinary Wellbeing Study in the US. The study surveyed 3,540 veterinarians and veterinary students between 2 and 16 November 2017.

The study found that:

- 5.3% of the profession is suffering severe psychological distress. This is slightly higher than the percentage of the general population (5.1%)
- only 41% of veterinarians would recommend the profession to a friend and many who scored high in wellbeing and mental health wouldn't recommend the profession.

There's a summary of findings on the [AVMA website](#) and the [Merck website](#) has links to the [press release](#) and [study summary](#).