

Application for non-practising veterinary practitioner

General

Use this form to apply for Non-Practising registration in the ACT, which allows you to remain on the ACT veterinary register while not engaged in active clinical practice. It maintains your professional identity and accountability but removes the authority to certify documents in your capacity of a veterinarian, practice or prescribe.

Key limitations

By holding Non-Practising registration, you acknowledge that:

- You may not perform any restricted act of veterinary science**
(as defined in the [Veterinary Practice Act 2018](#), s 7; [Veterinary Practice Regulation 2018](#), Sch 1).
This includes diagnosis, treatment, surgery, and administration of anaesthetics or sedatives.
- You may not prescribe, obtain, possess, or supply Schedule 4 or 8 (S4/S8) medicines**
Authority to hold or use these substances applies only to veterinarians with *practising registration* under the [Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008](#).
- You may provide care only to your own animals** using over-the-counter or agricultural products (unscheduled, S5, or S6).
Access to restricted medicines for your animals requires a **Veterinary–Client–Patient Relationship (VCPR)** with a practicing veterinarian.
- You remain bound by the [Veterinary Practitioner Code of Professional Conduct 2018](#), including requirements for honesty, confidentiality, and professional behaviour.
- Professional Indemnity Insurance and CPD obligations are suspended during Non-Practising registration but will be reinstated upon return to practice.

Certification of documents must not be undertaken in your capacity as a Veterinary Practitioner.

If you are authorised to certify documents or witness statutory declarations in another official capacity (e.g. as a public servant or Justice of the Peace), you may do so. However, this must be clearly distinguished from your role as a Veterinary Practitioner, and must not imply that your veterinary registration confers this authority.

Given name(s)		
Family name		
Registration number:		

Principal place of residence

Street			
Suburb			
State or Territory		Postcode	
Country			

Hereby request that the ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board (the Board) place the following conditions on my registration:

1. I must not provide veterinary services to the public regardless of whether they are remunerated
2. I must not exercise authority requiring registration as a veterinary practitioner such as certification and committee membership as a veterinarian
3. I voluntarily surrender my authority as a veterinarian to prescribe or supply restricted substances under the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008.

I understand that:

1. I may continue to represent myself as a veterinarian or use a similar title or description including the courtesy title doctor
2. I am not required to participate in continuing professional development
3. I will continue to receive communication from the Board
4. I must apply to the Board and receive written permission for the above conditions to be varied or removed.

Proof of identity

Applicants are required to provide 100 points of current identification, as defined by the Financial Transaction Reports Regulations 1990 (Cth), for general verification. In addition, change of name must be evidenced. This may be established through the inclusion of certified copies of the following documents (totalling 100 points).

- Passport (75 points)
- Social Security Card (40 points)
- Birth Certificate (70 points)
- Tertiary Education ID (40 points)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate (70 points)
- Credit or Debit card (25 points)
- Australian Driver's Licence (40 points)
- Medicare card (25 points)
- Public Service Identification (40 points)
- Marriage Certificate (change of name)

Declaration

I have read and understood the conditions and limitations that apply to Non-Practising registration. I understand that I must not carry out restricted acts of veterinary science or obtain, hold, or use restricted substances (S4/S8) while this Non-Practicing registration is in effect.

Signature		Date	
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For clarification or questions, please contact the ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board at CED.vetboard@act.gov.au.