Continuous Professional Development (CPDs)

What are CPDs

These are activities or programs that provide addedvalue to the competences of Vet. Surgeons or Vet. Para-Professionals through enhancement of knowledge, skills and personal qualities for effective execution of the veterinary profession.

HowdoI acquire CPD points?

- Formal study for additional qualifications (lasting more than nine months), short training and organizational activities
- Publication of scholarly articles in journals and book chapters
- Supervision/mentorship of students and interns
 - Community service

Who can provide a CPD program?

- A person wishing to be accredited as a CPD service provider shall apply to the Board using Form 28.
- The Board shall confirm accreditation using Form 29.
- Every CPD provider may apply for approval and determination of credit point worth by the Board (registration), of the intended activity using Form 30.

HowdoI acquir&PD Points?

- Attend a registered CPD training activity of your choice
- Keep records of all CPD activities attended in the prescribed format.
- Submit records to KVB by filling form 27 in case you attend an unregistered activity.



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Regulatory Role of the Board

Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) is a Semiautonomous Government Agency established under Section 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP)Act, No. 29 of 2011.

The Executive Order No. 1 of May 2020 (Revised) on Organization of the Government of the Republic of Kenya places the Boardunder the purview of the State Department for Livestock The mandate of the Board is to exercise general supervision and control over veterinary training, business, practices and employment of veterinary surgeons and veterinary paraprofessionals in Kenya and advice the government in relation to all aspects thereof.

The Board uses a number of mechanisms in regulating the profession which include but are not limited to indexing of students studying animal health courses in approved institutions, registration for internship of animal health graduates, registration and issuance of practice licenses to all animal health services providers, supervision of Continuous Professional Development (CPDs) activities, approval of animal health training institutions and discipline of anymembers engaged in malpractices

What is required of vets and vet paraprofessionals by the Board?

- Attend Continuous Professional Development activities and improve skills
- Practicing veterinarians and paraprofessionals should abide by code of ethics,
- Vets should supervise interns and paraprofessionals who are licensed under them
- Report any illegal practice
- Maketimely payments of professional fees to the Board
- Be goodambassadors of the profession

Retention in the Board Register

All veterinary surgeons and veterinary Paraprofessions are required by the VSVP Act, No. 29 of 2011 to be retained in the Board's register. Every year the Board publishes the names of retained Vet. Surgeons and Vet. Paraprofessionals in the KVB register and notifies the public through the Kenya Gazette

Veterinary surgeons and veterinary Para - professionals are required to abide by the Code of Ethics.

Requirements for registration with the Board as a profession

The following are required

- Original and copies of National ID and two colored passport photos
- ii. Original and copies pf certificates from training institution approved by the Board
- iii. Completed an internship of not less than one year
- iv. Is a member of a registered professional association
- V. Duly filled appropriate registration forms available on the KVB website and payment of prescribed fees

Does the Board Register those trained in foreign countries?

Yes, the Board registers vets and para-professionals trained in foreign countries; if the country has a mutual recognition agreement with Kenya or after the applicant undertakes Board registration exam and passes

The Board also give temporary registration to foreign vets carrying out consultancy or research in Kenya upon meeting Board requirements

Who is a Vet. Paraprofessional

A person shall be registered as a veterinary paraprofessional if they have undertaken the following courses: -

- Certificate in animal health
- Diploma in animal health
- Degree in animal health
- Certificate and diploma in animal health and production and
- Certificate in animal health and range management
- BSc in animal health and production

Holders of BSc, degrees and diplomas in above courses are categorized as Veterinary Technologists; while certificate holders are categorized as Veterinary Technicians.

Other Board functions

- The Board sets and inspects veterinary clinics, labs, hospitals, ambulatory services and animal breeding centers for compliance
- Set standards for veterinary laboratories
- Establishment of veterinary specialist colleges for registration of veterinary consultants