

Veterinary Council of India

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Veterinary Council of India held on 15th July, 2026 at 12.30 P.M. [Virtual Mode]

MINUTES

The following Members of VCI were present:

1.	Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma	-	President
2.	Dr. Ingale Sandip Vinayak Rao	-	Vice-President
3.	Dr. P.H. Tank	-	Member
4.	Dr. Niteen Patil	-	Member
5.	Dr. K. C. Veeranna	-	Member
6.	Dr. Jatinder Paul Singh Gill	-	Member
7.	Dr. Vasava Kirankumar	-	Member
8.	Dr. Geetha Priya L	-	Member
9.	Dr. Indrajit Singh	-	Member
10.	Dr. Amit Nain	-	Member
11.	Dr. D. Thanigaivelu	-	Member
12.	Dr. Sushantha Rai	-	Member
13.	Dr. Gurucharan Datta	-	Member
14.	Dr. Vijay Kumar	-	Member
15.	Dr. Dandeswar Deka	-	Member
16.	Dr. Rajendra Gulabrao Bambal	-	Secretary, VCI (Addl. charge)

Members namely, Dr. Falguni S. Thakar, Dr. P.S. Patel, Dr. Danjan Longri and Dr. Sujit K. Dutta could not join the meeting.

At the outset, the Secretary, VCI (Addl. Charge) welcomed all the Members of the Veterinary Council of India and meeting commenced with permission of the Chair.

- (1) To consider the Draft VCI (Minimum Qualification for appointment and Promotion of Teachers in Veterinary University and Colleges Regulations, 2025.

The Council considered the Draft VCI (Minimum Qualification for appointment and Promotion of Teachers in Veterinary University and Colleges Regulations, 2025.

After detailed deliberations, the Council decided to constitute a Committee amongst the following members of the Council for its examination and finalization within a period of one month and meeting of said Committee shall be held through online mode as per the requirement:

1. Dr. K. C. Veeranna
2. Dr. P.H. Tank
3. Dr. Niteen Patil
4. Dr. Jatinder Paul Singh Gill

- (2) To consider the matter regarding development of comprehensive implementation framework for operationalization of the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 together with the recommendations made by the Regulation Committee in its meeting held on 3/7/2026.

The Council considered the matter regarding development of comprehensive implementation framework for operationalization of the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign



Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 together with the Draft framed by the Regulation Committee in its meeting held on 3/7/2026.

The Council considered the Draft Framework as developed by the Regulation Committee and after detailed deliberations, Draft as developed by the Regulation Committee has been approved by the Council. A copy of approved Draft Comprehensive Implementation Framework for operationalization of the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 is enclosed at Annexure-1 of this Minutes.

It has further been decided that the aforesaid framework shall be sent to the Central Government for taking necessary action in the matter.

- (3) **To consider the amendment in VCI – Standards of Professional conduct, Etiquette and Code of Ethics for Veterinary Practitioners Regulations, 1992.**

The Council considered the amendment in VCI – Standards of Professional conduct, Etiquette and Code of Ethics for Veterinary Practitioners Regulations, 1992.

After detailed deliberations, Council decided to constitute a Committee of the two members of the Council namely Dr. Ingale Sandip Vinayak Rao, Vice-President and Dr. Amit Nain for its finalization.

It was also decided that after receipt of Draft Regulations from the Committee, the office of Council shall circulate it amongst all stakeholders like State/ UT Governments, State Veterinary Councils etc. with a request that the comments on the Draft Regulations shall be furnished by the stakeholders within a period of one month from the receipt of the aforesaid Draft Regulations.

- (4) **To consider the Letter No. K-11/80/2025-LH (E-35173) dated 10th June, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, New Delhi regarding change in nomenclature in respect of St. Petersburg Veterinary Institute, Russia in respect of Order dated 29/5/2026 issued by Veterinary Council of India (VCI).**

The Council considered the Letter No. K-11/80/2025-LH (E-35173) dated 10th June, 2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, New Delhi regarding change of name from "Saint Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine" to "Saint Petersburg State University of Veterinary Medicine".

The Council noted that the decision regarding the inclusion of the qualification in respect of the change in the name of the University was taken in its Special Meeting held on 26.05.2026, in compliance with the Order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in CWP No. 3052 of 2023, titled *K. Pavana Teja vs. Union of India and Others*.

The Council further noted that the DVM qualification awarded by Saint Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine is a recognized veterinary qualification for the purposes of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984, as it is included in the Second Schedule to the said Act. However, the name of the University was changed from "Saint Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine" to "Saint Petersburg State University of Veterinary Medicine" with effect from 20.03.2020 as per the information provided by the Petitioner as well as the University.



The Council also deliberated further that since the DVM course is of five years' duration, students who were admitted to Saint Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine on or before 19.03.2020 (before change of name of the Institute) and subsequently completed the course after the change in the University's name have been proposed to be eligible for registration under the provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984, with their qualification being reflected under the changed name, i.e., Saint Petersburg State University of Veterinary Medicine.

Accordingly, in its meeting held on 26.05.2026, the Council had proposed the period from 20.03.2020 to 22.12.2025 for recognizing the DVM qualification awarded under the changed name of the University, i.e., Saint Petersburg State University of Veterinary Medicine. This was on the basis that students admitted to Saint Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine on or before 19.03.2020 would complete the five-year DVM course by the year 2025, and their qualifications would therefore be awarded under the changed name of the University. The Council further noted that the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Graduate Regulations), 2025 are not applicable in the present case in view of the facts stated above as the VCI Rules, 2025 comes into effect as per notification dated 23.12.2025. Further, the internship programme for a minimum duration of twelve months has been proposed as practical training in India for these students before registration under IVC Act, 1984.

Further, Council noted that without inclusion of the qualification being granted by Saint Petersburg State University of Veterinary Medicine in the Second Schedule, as name has been changed from 20.03.2020, it will not be possible to grant registration under the provision of IVC Act, 1984 in view of statutory requirement under the provision of Section 46 of the IVC Act, 1984. Hence, inclusion of qualification in the Second Schedule to the IVC Act, 1984 is primary requirement for recognition of veterinary qualification granted by institution outside India.

After detailed deliberations, Council decided that the aforesaid recommendations for inclusion of the qualification may again be informed to the Administrative Department. Further, it was also opined that the Department at their level shall take appropriate decision for waving of internship programme for a period of one year for the said students passed during 20.03.2020 to 22.12.2025, proposed by the Council in the meeting held on 26.5.2026 which was only meant for acquiring practical experience.

- (5) **To consider the Revised Veterinary Council of India (Terms and Conditions of Services of Officers and other Employees) Regulations, 2026 together with the recommendations made by the Regulation Committee in its meeting held on 3/7/2026.**

The Council considered the revised Veterinary Council of India (Terms and Conditions of Services of Officers and other Employees) Regulations, 2026 as prepared by the Regulation Committee in its meeting held on 3/7/2026.

After detailed deliberations, the Council approved the aforesaid Draft Veterinary Council of India (Terms and Conditions of Services of Officers and other Employees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and decided to forward the same to the Central Government for its approval as provided under Section 66(1) of IVC Act, 1984. A copy of Draft Regulations as approved by this Council is enclosed at Annexure-2.

Any other item with permission of the Chair:

1. The Council considered the Letter No.K-12052-1/2/2025-LH (34372) dated 10.7.2026 received from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, New Delhi regarding

re-examination of proposal for establishment of Ideal Veterinary College, Singhani (Bhiwani), Haryana for the academic session 2026-27.

The Council considered the revised proposal of the Ideal Veterinary College, Bhiwani as forwarded by the Administrative Department vide letter dated 10.7.2026 for its examination. The Council noted that in para 4 of the aforesaid letter that the Administrative Department has conveyed as under:

"Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the directions of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court for consideration of the matter, the competent authority in the Department has decided to condone the delay in submission of the revised application/ documents beyond the timeline prescribed under Schedule-I of the VCI Rules, 2017, for the limited purpose of enabling examination of the proposal on merits for the academic session 2026-27."

In view of above, Council has examined the revised proposal of the aforesaid college as forwarded by the Department vide letter above with reference to sub-rule (1) to (3) of Rule 7 of VCI Rules, 2017 and decided for conducting physical inspection of veterinary college as provided under Rule 7(4) of VCI Rules, 2017 at the earliest for the academic session 2026-27.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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Authenticated by
20.07.2026
(Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma)
President, VCI
Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma
President
Veterinary Council of India
New Delhi

Dated: *20.07.2026*
Place: New Delhi

Draft Implementation Framework for operationalization of the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025

A. Introduction

The Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 64, read with section 17 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 notified the Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025. As per Rule 3 of VCI (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025:

- (1) No person shall practice veterinary medicine in India, without acquiring a degree in Bachelor of Veterinary Science or Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, from a University or institution, specified in the Second Schedule.
 - (2) No person shall practice veterinary medicine in India, without registration as the Indian veterinary practitioner, under the provisions of Chapter III of the Act.
 - (3) Successfully undergone and completed the entire course of study and internship within a total duration of ten years from the date of joining the course.
2. As per Rule 4 of the said VCI (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025, foreign veterinary graduates will be eligible for registration in accordance with Chapter III of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984, if he has-
- (i) successfully undergone and completed a degree course in a foreign veterinary University or institution with minimum duration of fifty-four months;
 - (ii) successfully undergone and completed an internship program for a minimum duration of twelve months after acquiring the degree in the same foreign veterinary University or institution;
 - (iii) acquired the foreign veterinary degree with medium of instructions in English language;
 - (iv) successfully passed the examination from the foreign University or institution in all compulsory subjects specified in the Veterinary Council of India Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education- (Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry - Degree Course) Regulations, 2016, notified vide number F.No.12-5/2015-VCI, dated the 8th July, 2016 and published in the Gazette of India in Part III, Section 4, dated the 12th July, 2016;
 - (v) registered with such professional regulatory body which is competent to grant registration to practice veterinary medicine in that foreign country; and

- (vi) passed the test conducted by the Council or any other institution specified by the Central Government, by notification; and
 - (vii) successfully undergone and completed an internship program for a minimum duration of twelve months in India after successful completion of internship program referred to in clause (ii) above.
3. As per Rule 5 of the VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025, the foreign veterinary graduates has to-
- (i) successfully undergone and completed a course of theory, practical and clinical training equivalent to and at par with the course of a degree in Bachelor of Veterinary Science or Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry specified in the First Schedule;
 - (ii) successfully undergone and completed the internship of twelve months along with hands-on training in clinical subjects and their sub-specialties referred to in the Veterinary Council of India Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education- (Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry – Degree Course) Regulations, 2016.

B. Procedure for Equivalence of the degree course with VCI – Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 and/or in force-

- (i) The Country/ University may submit an application in written format along with detailed course curriculum of their veterinary graduate degree course to the Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001 (copy of the application may be given to respective Embassy) to consider equivalence as per Section 4(iv) of the VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 and to facilitate Foreign Veterinary Graduates to be eligible to appear for the tests as per VCI – (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025.
- (ii) The country desirous to apply for the equivalence/ eligibility of veterinary qualification as per VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 shall, by Law, maintain Veterinary Practitioners Register.
- (iii) The applicant shall apply with the following details:
 - (1) Name of the Applicant Authority (Government/ University/ Institution) with full Address along with Official E-mail ID.
 - (2) Name of the contact person with designation, official Email and Mobile Number.
 - (3) Whether there is any authority in the country for the maintenance of register of veterinary practitioner of the country? If yes, provide the detail along with full Address and Official E-mail Id.

- (4) Whether there is any Rules/ Regulations on disciplinary action, financial responsibility and professional liabilities on account of professional misconduct conducted by registered veterinary practitioner?
- (5) Total number of Veterinary Colleges imparting recognized veterinary qualification in the country and desirous to be eligible as per VCI – (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 (Please attach separate sheet wherein name of veterinary colleges, affiliating universities, name of degree and nomenclature of degree shall be mentioned).
- (6) Certification by the University for the language of study as English.
- (7) Duration of veterinary course (minimum duration shall be fifty-four months).
- (8) Subject taught in veterinary course (details may be given in terms of subject, subject-wise course curriculum, number of credit hours, credit hours shall be defined in clear term) comparing with Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 and or in force.
- (9) Practical training requirement in terms of internship before award of degree shall be twelve months duration.

C. On receipt of an application from the respective country/university/institution along with the aforesaid details, the Central Government may refer such applications to Veterinary Council of India for examination for equivalence and conditions specified as per Veterinary Council of India (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025.

D. The Veterinary Council of India shall examine the application as per provisions of VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 and VCI – Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 or in force and if needed office of the Council shall make correspondence with the applicant authority for obtaining further detail, if required.

E. After examining the application, course curriculum and other details as per VCI – Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 or in force for the time being, the Veterinary Council of India shall forward its recommendations to the Central Government on the matter for acceptance of equivalence of “Veterinary qualification” / “Degree Course” for the respective University/ Institution of the applying Country.

F. If the Central Government accepts the recommendation of the Council on equivalence etc. as per the provisions of VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025, the Central Government may inform to the respective

country/university/institution about the equivalence allowing the foreign graduates of the respective Institutions for appearing for the test for passing as per the provisions of Rule 4(vi) of the VCI - (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules, 2025 with an intimation to the VCI.

G. The VCI shall maintain updated list of such country/university/institution approved by Central Government having equivalence as per the VCI – Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 or in force for the time being time to time.

H. Foreign Veterinary Graduates from the Country/University/Institution from amongst the approved list shall apply for registration with any one identified University (*out of five identified Veterinary Universities, one in each region (East, West, South, North and North-East) on rotational basis*) by VCI and duly notified by the Central Government for the particular year to conduct the Test or to any agency e,g, National Testing Agency or any other National Government Agency, as notified by the Central Government.

I. While applying for registration by the Foreign Veterinary Graduates, sufficient documentary evidence of the such equivalence shall have to be attached by them based on the approval given by the Central Government to respective Country/ University allowing Foreign Veterinary Graduates to appear for the Tests as per VCI – (Foreign Veterinary Graduate Registration) Rules,2025 shall be attached.

J. The successful Foreign Veterinary Graduates shall have to complete the internship programme of minimum duration of twelve months. The veterinary universities/veterinary colleges shall have to make necessary arrangements for completion of internship programme of such Foreign Veterinary Graduates as per the course curriculum and time schedule under VCI – Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education Regulations, 2016 or in force for the time being. The allotment of State for internship will be made by the VCI in coordination with respective Universities and State Veterinary Councils.

K. The State Veterinary Councils shall facilitate provisional registration of such successfully passed Foreign Veterinary Graduates for internship period of twelve months as per the request of respective Veterinary Institutions.

VETERINARY COUNCIL OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the ____ June, 2026

G.S.R. ____.— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 66 read with section 11 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (52 of 1984), with the previous approval of the Central Government, and in supersession of the Veterinary Council of India (Terms and Conditions of Services of Officers and other Employees) Regulations, 2001, issued vide Veterinary Council of India, dated....., except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Veterinary Council of India hereby makes the following regulations, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement. — (1) These regulations may be called the Veterinary Council of India (Terms and Conditions of Services of Officers and other Employees) Regulations, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2.Application. — (1) These regulations shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of Schedule - I appended to these regulations.

3. Definitions- (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: —

- (a) “**Act**” means the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (52 of 1984).
- (b) “**Council**” means the Veterinary Council of India established under section 3 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (52 of 1984);
- (c) “**Executive Committee**” means the Executive Committee of the Council;
- (d) “**President**” means the President of the Council;
- (e) “**Secretary**” means the Secretary of the Council;
- (f) “**Employee**” means any officer or employee appointed as a staff of the Council as shown in Column (1) of Schedule I to these regulations;
- (g) “**Disciplinary Authority**” the Council shall be the Disciplinary Authority in respect of the Secretary. Whereas the President of the Council shall be Disciplinary Authority in respect of Assistant Secretary and Scientific Officer of the Council and Secretary of the Council shall be the Disciplinary Authority in respect of the other employees of the Council.
- (h) “**Appellate Authority**” the Secretary of the Administrative Ministry shall be the Appellate Authority in respect of Secretary of the Council. Whereas the Executive Committee of the Council shall be the Appellate authority in respect of Assistant Secretary and Scientific Officer of the Council. Further, the President of the Council shall be the Appellate Authority in respect of other employees of the Council.
- (i) “**Reviewing Authority**” Minister in charge of the administrative Ministry shall be Reviewing Authority in respect of the Secretary of the Council. Whereas the Council shall be the Reviewing Authority inspect of other employees of the Council.
- (j) “**Temporary employee**” means an employee appointed against a post created by the Central Government for a fixed period in the Council.

(2) Words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

4. Number of posts, classification, level in the pay matrix. — The number of posts, their classification, level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule-I of these regulations.

5. Method of recruitment.— The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto, shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the Schedule-I of these Regulations.

6. Initial constitution. — All persons who are employees of the Council at the commencement of these regulations shall be deemed to have been appointed to the corresponding posts specified in Schedule and the service rendered by them before such commencement shall be taken into account for the purposes of probation, confirmation, promotion, pensionary benefits as applicable etc. Further, the repeal or supersession of the earlier Regulations shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation, liability, benefit, or entitlement accrued or incurred by any officer or employee of this Council under the repealed Regulations or under any applicable law. All statutory rights and protections available to officers and employees of the Council shall continue to remain in force and shall not be affected by these Regulations, except to the extent expressly provided by law.

7. Disqualifications.—No person,

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
(b) who having a spouse living, had entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

8. Pay & Allowances, leave and other terms and conditions of service of officers and other employees. —(1) The rules and orders for the time being in force applicable to the officers and servants holding posts of corresponding scale of pay under the Central Government shall regulate the conditions of service in respect of pay & allowances, house rent allowance, leave, joining time, provident fund, gratuity, age of superannuation, pensionary benefits as applicable and other conditions of service of the employees of the Council.

(2) In respect of any matters not covered by this regulations, the officers and employees of the Council shall be governed by such rules or orders as may be applicable to the officers and employees of the Central Government.

9. Travelling, Daily and Medical Allowances. — In respect of matters such as travelling allowance, daily allowance and medical allowance, an officer and employee of the Council shall be entitled to draw, in respect of official journeys performed by him and for the purpose of medical care, the allowance at the rates and the medical facilities as admissible to the officials of corresponding scale of pay of the Central Government.

10. Power to relax — Where the Council is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, in consultation with the Central Government, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these regulations with respect to any class or category of post.

11. Saving —Nothing in these regulations shall affect reservations, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen, other backward classes, economic weaker sections and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

12. Matters with respect to which no provision has been made —Matters relating to the conditions of service of employees of the Council with respect to which no provision has been made in these regulations shall be referred to the Central Government for its decisions.