

Animals and Birds (Veterinary Centres) Rules 2002

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ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAPTER 7)

ANIMALS AND BIRDS (VETERINARY CENTRES) RULES 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Veterinary Centres) Rules 2002 and shall come into operation on 15th September 2002.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“licence” means a licence issued by the Director-General under section 65 of the Act authorising the licensee to use or permit any premises to be used as a veterinary centre;

“licensee” means a person who holds a valid licence.

Person to whom licence may be issued

3.—(1) The Director-General shall not issue a licence to any person unless that person is carrying on business in Singapore and is —

- (a) registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32); or
- (b) incorporated or registered under the Companies Act (Cap. 50).

(2) The Director-General may refuse to issue a licence to an applicant if —

- (a) the applicant or one of his partners or, if the applicant is a body corporate, one of its directors —
 - (i) had previously been convicted of an offence under the Act; or
 - (ii) had previously held a licence issued under section 65 or 68 of the Act and the licence was subsequently suspended or revoked under section 69A of the Act; or
- (b) in the opinion of the Director-General, the premises in respect of which the licence is being applied for are not suitable for use as a veterinary centre.

Application for and issue of licence

4.—(1) An application for a licence shall be made to the Director-General in such

form or manner as the Director-General may require and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) the appropriate fee as specified in the Schedule; and
- (b) such particulars, information and documents as may be specified by the Director-General.

(2) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director-General may —

- (a) issue a licence to the applicant, whether unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose; or
- (b) refuse to issue any licence to the applicant.

(3) In determining whether to issue or refuse to issue a licence, the Director-General may consider —

- (a) the character and fitness of the applicant to be issued with a licence or, where the applicant is a body corporate, the character and fitness of the members of the board of directors or committee or board of trustees or other governing body of the body corporate;
- (b) the ability of the applicant to operate and maintain a veterinary centre in accordance with the requisite conditions and standards; and
- (c) the suitability of the premises (including the facilities and equipment therein) to be licensed for use as a veterinary centre.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3), the Director-General may —

- (a) inspect the premises in respect of which the application is made, or cause such premises to be inspected by an authorised officer; and
- (b) require the applicant at his own expense to make such alteration or improvement to the premises or provide, fix or install such facilities and equipment therein, as the Director-General may specify.

(5) The Director-General may, at any time, vary or revoke any of the existing conditions imposed under paragraph (2)(a) or impose new conditions.

(6) Every licence issued under this rule —

- (a) shall be in such form as the Director-General may determine;
- (b) shall be valid for the period stated therein unless it is sooner revoked under section 69A of the Act; and
- (c) may be renewed upon its expiry.

(7) Where the Director-General refuses to issue a licence under paragraph (2)(b), he