

## **Animals and Birds (Veterinary Centres) Rules**

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## **ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAPTER 7, SECTION 80)**

## **ANIMALS AND BIRDS (VETERINARY CENTRES) RULES**

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## **Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Veterinary Centres) Rules.

## **Definitions**

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

“licence” means a licence issued by the Director-General under section 54 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 54 or 53 of the Act and the licence was subsequently suspended or revoked under section 62 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 62 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 shall, if requested to do so by the applicant, state in writing the reasons for his refusal.