

**VETERINARY SURGEONS (EEA QUALIFICATIONS)
ACT, 1996**

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Principal Act

Act. No. 1996-09	<i>Commencement</i>	1.4.1998
	<i>Assent</i>	5.12.1996

Amending enactments	Relevant current provisions	Commencement date
Act. 2004-29	s. 3(4) and Schedule Part I.	17.08.2004
2005-64	ss. 2(2), 3(1) & (3), 4, 5 & Sch.	8.12.2005
LN. 2007/104	Sch.	1.1.2007

English sources

None cited

EU Legislation/International Agreements involved:

Directive 2006/100/EC

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AN ACT TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VETERINARY SURGEONS AWARDED IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA.

Title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (EEA Qualifications) Act 1996, and shall come into effect on such day as the Governor may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint.

Transposition and construction.

2.(1) This Act transposes the Veterinary Surgeons Directive and shall be construed accordingly.

(2) In this section “the Veterinary Surgeons Directive” means Council Directive 78/1026/EEC concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services as amended from time to time.

Qualifications of veterinary surgeons.

3.(1) Subject to sub-section (3), a national of an EEA State shall be entitled to be employed as a veterinary surgeon or practice the profession of veterinary surgeon only if they possess the qualifications set out in the Schedule.

(2) Persons falling under sub-section (1) above may sue for fees.

(3) This section shall not apply to a person who on the coming into force of this Act was employed as a veterinary surgeon in Gibraltar or who on that date practiced the profession of veterinary surgeon as a principal.

(4) In this section “EEA State” means a state which is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Proof of qualifications when qualification not listed in Schedule.

4.(1) This section applies where a national of an EEA State possesses a diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine not corresponding to any name listed in the Schedule in respect of the EEA State concerned.

(2) Where this section applies, the person concerned may be employed as a veterinary surgeon or practice the profession of veterinary surgeon where he possesses a diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualifications awarded by the EEA State concerned and accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authorities or bodies of that State providing that the diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualifications in question have been awarded on completion of education and training that complies with the provisions of the Directive and are treated by the awarding State as equivalent to those whose names are listed in the Directive.

Qualifications obtained in a non-EEA State.

5. A person who is national of an EEA State who does not hold a qualification specified out in the Schedule shall be competent to practise under this Act if—

- (a) an EEA State has recognised his veterinary qualifications, veterinary training and professional experience in veterinary surgery acquired by him outside the EEA as qualifying him to practise as a veterinary surgeon in that State; and
- (b) he holds a certificate stating that the competent authority of that EEA State treats the qualification as equivalent to a qualification in respect of that State specified in the directive.

Offences.

6.(1) A person responsible for any act or omission contrary to the provisions of this Act is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

(2) Where an offence by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to, any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or similar officer of the body corporate, or a person purporting to act in such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly

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APPROPRIATE EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS

Section 3

The following are the qualifications referred to in section 3—

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate accompanying qualification
Austria	Diplom-Tierarzt Magister medicinae veterinariae	University	1 Doktor der veterinärmedizin 2 Doctor medicinae veterinariae 3 Fachtierarzt
Belgium	Diploma van dierenarts Diplome de docteur en médecine vétérinaire	1 De universiteiten/les universités 2 De bevoegde Examencommissie van de Vlaamse Geneeschep/le Jury competent d'enseignement de la Communauté française 1.	
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Cyprus		μ	
Czech Republic	1. Diplom o ukon ení studia ve studijním programu veterinární lékařství (doktor veterinární medicíny, MVDr.) 2. Diplom o ukon ení studia ve studijním programu veterinární hygiena a ekologie	Veterinární fakulta univerzity v České republice'	
Denmark	(doktor veterinární medicíny, MVDr.) Bevis for bestaet kandidatsamen i veterinærvidenskab	Kongelige Veterinær- og Landbohøjskole	

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Estonia	Diplom: täitnud veterinaarmeditsiini õppekava	Eesti Põllumajandusülikool	
Finland	Eläinlaaketieteen lisensiaattin tutkinto/veterinärmeditsiini e licentiatexamen	Helsingin yliopisto/Helsingfors universitet	
France	Diplome d'Etat de docteur		
Germany	veterinaire Zeugnis über das Ergebnis der dritten Abschnitts der Tierärztlichen Prüfung und das Gesamtergebnis der Tierärztlichen Prüfung	Der Vorsitzende des Prüfungsausschusses für die Tierärztliche Prüfung einer Universität oder Hochschule	
Greece	Διπλώμα Κτηνιατρικής	Διπλώμα Κτηνιατρικής Σχολής του Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης	
Hungary	Állatorvos doktor oklevél – dr.med.vet.	Szent István Egyetem Állatorvostudományi Kar	
Iceland			Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority
Ireland	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other Member States		
Italy	1 Diploma of Bachelor in/or Veterinary Medicine (MVB) 2 Diploma of Membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS)	Università	Diploma di abilitazione all'esercizio della medicina veterinaria
Latvia	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria Veterinārsta diploms	Latvijas Lauksaimniecības universitāte	
Liechtenstein	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other EEA States		Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority
Lithuania		Lietuvos Veterinarijos Akademija	

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Luxembourg	Aukštojo mokslo diplomas (veterinarijos gydytojo (DVM))	Jury d'examen d'Etat	
Malta	Diplome d'Etat de docteur en medecine veterinaire		
Netherlands	Li enzja ta' Kirurgu Veterinarju	Kunsill tal-Kirurgi Veterinarji	
Norway	Getuigschrift van met goed gevolg afgelegd diergeneeskundig/veeart senijkundig examen	Norgest veterinaerhogskole	
Poland	Vitnemał for fullfort grad Candidata/candidatus medicinae veterinariae Dyplom lekarza weterynarii	1.Szkoła Główna Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego w Warszawie 2.Akademia Rolnicza we Wrocławiu 3.Akademia Rolnicza w Lublinie 4. Uniwersytet Warmi sko-Mazurski w Olsztynie	
Portugal	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinaria	Universidade	
România	Diplom de licen de doctor medic veterinar	Universit i.	
Slovakia	Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu "doktor veterinárskej medicíny" ("MVDr.")	Univerzita veterinárskeho lekárstva	
Slovenia	Diploma, s katero se podeljuje strokovni naslov "doktor veterinarske medicine / doktorica veterinarske medicine (DrVetMed)] Spri evalo o opravljenem državnem izpitu s podro ja veterinarstva	Univerza	Certificate of having passed the state examination in the field of veterinary medicine
Spain	Veterinaria Titulo de Licenciado en	1 Ministerio de Educacion y Cultura 2 El rector de una Universidad	
Sweden	Veterinarexamen	Sveriges Landbruksuniversitet	
Switzerland	Eidgenossisch	Le Département	

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	diplomierter tierarzt/titulaire du diplome federal de veterinaire/titolare di diploma federale di veterinario	fédéral de l'intérieur
United Kingdom	Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Vet.MB or Bvet. Med.) Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVM and S or BVMS) Diploma of membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS)	University Veterinary School