

## Non-practising (over 70) Application Form

The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Registration) Regulations state that a veterinary surgeon who has provided the Registrar with a signed declaration that he/she has ceased to practise and who on 1<sup>st</sup> April in a retention fee year is over the age of 70 is not required to pay a retention fee in respect of that fee year. Members wishing to be listed as 'Non-practising 70+', whether they are in the UK or overseas, should read these guidance notes and then complete and sign the declaration below.

### Guidance Notes

The Regulations state that "practise or practising" means (whether or not for remuneration) undertaking acts of veterinary surgery as defined in section 27(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 or otherwise engaging in any activity which is, in the opinion of the Council of the RCVS, veterinary related.

In the opinion of Council veterinary related activity includes a member who is professionally active, even if not involved in clinical work, e.g. members employed by government departments or agencies, in academia, at research councils, or in industry and commerce. In other words, "practising" is not limited to those in practice, but includes members using their professional qualification in any way.

Non-practising members should not engage in any act of veterinary surgery and should not sign any form of veterinary certification, including vaccination certificates or prescriptions. In effect, they should only undertake activities that may be undertaken by a layperson, for example, those under Schedule 3 of the Act. The issue of payment or non-payment for services is irrelevant.

For those who comply with the above and are aged over 70 there is no annual renewal fee payable.

Please note your category of membership cannot be changed unless this form is completed, signed and returned and we are very sorry but we are unable to back date a category change.

### Your details

The Veterinary Surgeon and Veterinary Practitioners Registration Regulations require all registered veterinary surgeons to provide the following details\* for publication in the Register.

<b>*Title</b>	Dr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>*Surname(s)</b>	This must be the same as shown on the Register											
<b>*Forenames(s)</b>												
<b>*Register number</b>												

<b>Home address</b>			
	<b>Postcode</b>		<b>Country</b>

<b>Home telephone number</b>	
<b>Mobile number</b>	
<b>Email address</b> (This should not be a shared email address)	
<b>Date of birth</b> (This may be used to verify identity)	

**Start date**

I would like my status to be changed to 'Non-practising over 70 membership immediately? Yes  No

If you have answered no, please state the date you would like your status to be changed \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

If currently practising I will cease all veterinary activity on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

<b>Third party use of Register* data</b>
<p><b>Please note the RCVS must publish your Register* data and does so in hard copy form and the data is made available in response to enquiries. A shortened version of your Register* data (without your full address) is available on the RCVS website. Your other personal data on this form is not published and used only for our regulatory and related purposes.</b></p>

## Declaration by applicant

I have read the guidance notes and hereby declare that from this date until further notice -

- a. I will (1) not practise or otherwise engage in any activity which, in the opinion of the Council, is veterinary-related and that (2) I wish to be listed in the Register of Members as being a non-practising member;
- b. I further declare that I am aware that whilst listed as a non-practising member I may not carry out any acts of veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom or overseas save those which under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 can be undertaken other than by veterinary surgeons;
- c. I am aware that in the event of my returning to practise either in the United Kingdom or overseas I must change to a 'UK Practising' or 'Practising outside the UK' member and I will be liable for payment of an additional fee as set out in Regulations; and
- d. I will immediately notify the Registrar of any change of circumstances regarding my declaration.

### I declare / agree:

- a. The information given above is, to the best of my knowledge, correct;
- b. I authorise the RCVS to contact any relevant authorities to obtain further information as necessary;
- c. I will not practise or otherwise engage in any activity in the United Kingdom which, in the opinion of the Council, is veterinary-related and that;
- d. Whilst listed as a 'Non-practising' member I may not carry out any acts of veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom save those which under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 can be undertaken other than by Veterinary Surgeons;
- e. In the event of my returning to practise either in the United Kingdom or overseas I must change to a 'UK Practising' or 'Practising outside the UK' member and I will be liable for payment of an additional fee as set out in Regulations; and
- f. I will immediately notify the Registrar of any change of circumstances regarding my declaration;
- g. I will notify the RCVS of any change of permanent address within 28 days;
- h. I have read the guidance notes above and would like to be listed in the Register of Members as being a 'Non-practising' member;

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Register number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

### Please return your completed form using one of the following methods

Registration Department

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Belgravia House

62-64 Horseferry Road

London, SW1P 2AF

Fax: 020 7222 2004

Email: [registration@rcvs.org.uk](mailto:registration@rcvs.org.uk)

If you have any questions regarding changing your category then please contact the Registration Department on 0207 202 0707 or [registration@rcvs.org.uk](mailto:registration@rcvs.org.uk).