

For more comprehensive information about eligibility criteria, skills assessment, and NVE requirements, it is strongly recommended that you visit the AVBC website. You should also contact the AVBC directly if further clarification is required.

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www.immi.gov.au provides contact details.

NVE

National Veterinary
Examination

If your qualifications are not deemed acceptable for automatic registration In Australia you can either

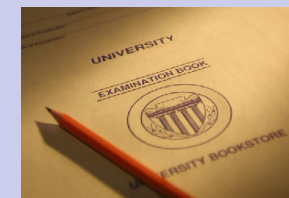
- apply to enrol at an Australian university where you may be granted credit for your overseas studies, and complete the veterinary science course, or
- you can apply for the National Veterinary Examination (NVE).

What is the NVE?

The NVE has been developed to assist veterinarians who qualified overseas to obtain registration in Australia, thus enabling you to practise your profession.

If you successfully complete the NVE you will be issued with a Certificate which entitles you to apply for registration with any Australian Veterinary Surgeons' Registration Board.

Once you are registered in Australia you will have the same rights and responsibilities as all other registered veterinarians in Australia.



Eligibility for the NVE

You can take the NVE only if you have been formally assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria to sit the examination. You must hold a degree or diploma awarded after at least four years of study at a recognised veterinary school. You must also be registered, licensed or eligible to be recognised as a veterinarian of good standing in the country in which you studied or worked.

To obtain an application for **Skills Assessment and Assessment of Eligibility to undertake the Professional Examinations in Veterinary Science** contact the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC).

The NVE consists of the following four components:

Eligibility Assessment – assessment of qualifications and associated documents to determine eligibility to undertake the NVE procedures.

English Language Requirement – before proceeding to the NVE Preliminary Examination

Preliminary Examination – written multiple-choice question (MCQ) examination

Final Examination – Clinical Examination

Costs:

There is a fee for each component of the NVE. The total cost for the NVE is approximately \$10,000.

For current fees for eligibility assessment and examinations, please contact the AVBC or visit their website. Fees for the English language requirement test are available from Centre for Adult Education Australia (CAE) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Examination Stages

1. English Language

If your first language is not English, a B pass in all four sections of the Occupational English Test (OET) or a score of band 7 in all sections at the academic level of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) will satisfy the requirements.

2. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

The Preliminary Examination consists of three papers of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Each of the papers has 100 questions that are designed to test your knowledge across a variety of subject areas. The Preliminary Examination is normally held during the first week of March and September each year. It can be held in Adelaide and other Australian capital cities.

3. Clinical Examination

After passing the English Language and MCQ, you are eligible to sit for the Clinical Examination. This examination is held over four or five days and is conducted in an Australian veterinary school (currently Queensland). You will be examined at the same level as recent graduates from Australian Universities. The format of the examination is fully described in the *Veterinary Science Candidates Information Handbook* available at the AVBC website.

You should contact the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) to find out information about the NVE. Their contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

Support in South Australia

Registration

To practice as a veterinarian in any capacity in South Australia you must be registered by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of SA (VSBSA).

Limited Registration may be approved if the applicant is currently sitting the NVE and has passed the English Language and the MCQ examinations. Limited registration enables you to work under the supervision of a registered veterinarian, to gain practical experience before sitting the clinical examination.

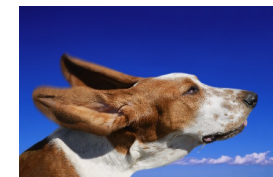
You can also get a copy of the Candidates Information Handbook and some other AVBC resources from the Office of the VSBSA.

Australian Veterinary Association—SA

The AVA South Australian Division will assist NVE candidates. This may include

- finding a mentor (registered veterinarians) for candidates
- loans of resources such as text books to assist with study
- supporting candidates in employment — though candidates should be aware that finding employment is their own responsibility
- providing social and professional support for candidates

You should contact the AVA SA Division to discuss your particular situation.



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