

VESTRIES.

See CHURCH.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

ORDINANCE No. 10 OF 1909.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the Registration of Veterinary Surgeons. A.D. 1909.

[3rd April, 1909.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Court of Policy thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Ordinance, 1909. Short title.

(Section 2 repealed and new Section substituted by Section 2 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1915.)

3. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance, no person shall be entitled to take or use the name or title of Veterinary Surgeon (either alone or in combination with any other word or words), or any name, title, addition or description, implying that he is registered under this Ordinance, or that he is a person specially qualified to practise Veterinary Surgery, unless he is registered under this Ordinance. Unregistered persons not to have title of Veterinary Surgeon.

4. Any person, not being registered under this Ordinance, who takes or uses any such name, title, addition or description as aforesaid, or any addition to a name, designation or description, whether expressed in words, or by letters, or partly in words and partly in letters, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars. Offences by unregistered persons.

5. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance, no person shall be entitled to recover any fee or charge in any Court for performing any veterinary operation or for giving any veterinary attendance or advice, unless he is registered under this Ordinance. Unregistered persons not to recover fees.

6. Any person who:—

- (1) Is registered or entitled by law to be registered as a Veterinary Surgeon in the United Kingdom under any Act for the time being in force; or
- (2) Holds a certificate granted in a British Possession or foreign country, for the time being recognized by the Board⁽¹⁾ as furnishing a sufficient guarantee of the possession of requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of Veterinary Surgery; or

Qualifications necessary for registration.

¹ See Section 3 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1915.

(3) Is at the commencement of this Ordinance *bonâ fide* engaged in this Colony in the practice of Veterinary Surgery, shall on payment of a fee of twenty-four dollars be entitled to be registered under this Ordinance: Provided that no fee shall be payable by any person registered under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

Keeping of register and publication. The Schedule.

7.—(1) The Secretary of the Board ⁽¹⁾ shall keep a Register, in the form contained in the Schedule to this Ordinance, to be styled the Veterinary Surgeons Register, of all persons registered as Veterinary Surgeons under this Ordinance.

(2) The Secretary, in the month of February in each year, shall publish in the *Gazette*, a copy of the Veterinary Surgeons Register.

Registration of persons in Veterinary Surgeons Register.

8.—(1) When any person desires to be registered under this Ordinance, he shall make application to the Secretary, and shall submit such evidence as may be necessary to establish that he is entitled to be registered: Provided that a person shall not be registered under this Ordinance, as having been at the commencement thereof engaged in the practice of Veterinary Surgery unless he submits to the Secretary before the first day of October, 1909, a statutory declaration signed by him to the effect that for a period of not less than one year before the said day he was *bonâ fide* engaged in the practice of Veterinary Surgery in this Colony.

(2) The Secretary shall forthwith lay such application before the Board ⁽¹⁾, and the Board, if satisfied that such person is entitled to be registered, shall direct the Secretary to register such person.

(3) The Secretary shall thereupon register such person and publish notice thereof in the *Gazette*.

(4) If the Board decline to direct the Secretary to register any person who applies to be registered, such person may appeal to the Governor, and, if it be made to appear to the Governor that such person is entitled to be registered under this Ordinance, the Governor may direct that such person shall be so registered.

Evidence of registration.

9. A copy of the Veterinary Surgeons Register for the time being published in the *Gazette* in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section seven, shall be evidence in all cases (until the contrary be made to appear) that the persons therein specified are registered under this Ordinance, and the absence of the name of any person from such copy shall be evidence (until the contrary be made to appear), that such person is not registered under this Ordinance: Provided that in the case of a person whose name does not appear in such copy, a certified copy under the hand of the Secretary of the entry of the name of such person in the Veterinary Surgeons Register, shall be evidence that such person is registered under this Ordinance.

Erasing from Veterinary Register name of Veterinary Surgeon guilty of crime or disgraceful conduct.

10. If any Veterinary Surgeon registered under this Ordinance is convicted of felony or misdemeanour before the Supreme Court of British Guiana in its Criminal Jurisdiction, or, after due inquiry, is adjudged by the Board ⁽¹⁾ to have been guilty of infamous

¹ See Section 3 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1915.

or disgraceful conduct in any professional respect, the Board, with the sanction of the Governor, may cause the name of such Veterinary Surgeon to be erased from the register.

11.—(1) The Secretary shall from time to time insert in the Veterinary Surgeons Register any alteration which may come to his knowledge in the name or address of any person registered.

Correction of the Veterinary Surgeons Register.

(2) The Secretary shall erase from the Veterinary Surgeons Register the name of every deceased person.

(3) The Secretary may erase from the Veterinary Surgeons Register the name of a person who has ceased to practise or who has been continually absent from the Colony for the space of three years: Provided that any person whose name has been so erased, shall, on resuming practice or returning to the Colony, be entitled to have his name restored to the register without the payment of any fee.

(4) In the execution of his duties, the Secretary shall act on such evidence as in each case appears sufficient.

12. Every person who wilfully procures or attempts to procure himself to be registered under this Ordinance, by making or producing or causing to be made or produced, any false or fraudulent representation or declaration, either verbally or in writing, and every person aiding or assisting him therein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding twelve months.

Penalty for obtaining registration by false representations.

THE SCHEDULE.

FORM OF VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTER.

Section 7.

Name.	Residence.	Qualification.	Date of Registration.