

**Board Appointments  
July 2024 – June 2027**

The Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) is an independent state government body corporate established under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003* (Act). It is responsible for registering veterinary practitioners, licencing veterinary hospitals, and investigating complaints about the practice of veterinary science in NSW.

**Board Functions**

The Act (s 79) outlines the functions of the Board:

- (a) to register veterinary practitioners and licence veterinary hospitals
- (b) to investigate complaints against veterinary practitioners
- (c) to take disciplinary action against veterinary practitioners
- (d) to enforce the provisions of this Act and the regulations, including to take proceedings for offences against this Act or the regulations
- (e) to develop codes of professional conduct for veterinary practitioners
- (f) to co-operate with other jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand to further a common and harmonious approach to the administration of legislation relating to veterinary practitioners
- (g) to provide information to the veterinary profession relating to continuing education issues, developments in the field of veterinary science and disciplinary matters
- (h) to provide general advice to consumers of veterinary services with respect to the ethics and standards of professional competence that are generally expected of veterinary practitioners
- (i) to provide advice to the Minister with respect to any other matter in connection with the administration of this Act
- (j) to promote, provide for or facilitate the professional development of veterinary practitioners, including by determining the requirements for continuing professional development of veterinary practitioners
- (k) to provide, if practicable, scholarships for veterinary study
- (l) to liaise with and, if considered by the Board to be appropriate, to become a member of, professional organisations concerned with veterinary science.

The Board is responsible for producing an annual report for the Minister to present to the Parliament of NSW in accordance with the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984*.

For more information about the Board, please visit [www.vpb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.vpb.nsw.gov.au).

**Position information**

The Board consists of 8 members. There are 6 veterinarian members and 2 members representing consumers of veterinary services. The Minister will select members from the following groups:

1. One veterinarian from each of the three following panels prepared by the NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association
  - i. Specialist veterinarians
  - ii. Urban area veterinarians
  - iii. Rural area veterinarians

2. One veterinarian to represent academics in the field of veterinary science from a panel prepared by the University of Sydney and Charles Sturt University.
3. Ministerial selections
  - i. Two members who are veterinarians
  - ii. Two members who are non-veterinarians to represent consumers of veterinary services

Board members are appointed for a 3-year term by the Governor of NSW.

### **Commitment**

Board meetings are held each month (typically 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) except January. You should plan a commitment of 2 days per month with one full day of reading and one full day for the meeting.

As a member of the Board you will be required to serve on the Complaints Committee for a period of 12-18 months (not necessarily continuous). This committee also meets the day before the Board meeting. Again, you should plan a commitment of 2 days per month for this task; one half day for the meeting and one to one and one half days for reading.

### **Remuneration**

President of the Board	\$ 29,660.51 per annum
Board Members	\$ 9,124.92 per annum
Chair of the Complaints Committee	\$ 18,250.89 per annum + Board Member fee
Members of the Complaints Committee	\$ 9,124.92 per annum + Board Member fee

The Board will cover travel and accommodation expenses associated with meetings for all members.

### **How to Apply**

1. Veterinarians interested in representing specialist, urban or rural veterinarians should contact the [NSW Division of the AVA](#)
2. Veterinarians in academia should contact their Dean or Head of School
3. Veterinarians and non-veterinarians interested in being included in the ministerial panel should apply through the [NSW Government](#).

In their submission, applicants will need to briefly outline their suitability for the position and provide their curriculum vitae. This should include how they can support the Veterinary Practitioners Board to meet its legislative functions, outline any previous board memberships, and experience in working within a legislative and policy framework.