

Board Appointments July 2021 – June 2024

The Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) is an independent state government body corporate established under the *Veterinary Practice Act 2003* (the 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 Board has the following functions:

- (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 developing an annual report for the Minister to present to both NSW Government parliaments, in accordance with the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984*.

For more information about the Board, please visit www.vpb.nsw.gov.au.

Position information

The NSW Government will soon be seeking applications to fill the following vacancies:

- Two board members who are veterinary practitioners, and
- Two board 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.

How to Apply

The NSW Government will shortly open applications for the Veterinary Practitioners Board.

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.

Please check the Board website for updates on when applications open.