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# Myanmar Veterinary Council: Update of VSB on VPP regulation

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# Myanmar Veterinary Council

- **Veterinary Statutory Body of Myanmar**
- **Semi-government Organization**
- **The primary role of a Veterinary Statutory Body is to oversee the quality, competence and ethic of veterinarians in a country.**



# Laws and rules related to MVC

- The veterinary council law (Oct 1995)
- The veterinary council rules (Dec 1997)
- The law amending the veterinary council law (Dec 2015)
  - **Section 11-A:** A foreigner desirous to registration as veterinary surgeon may apply to the **Council** if he meets any of the following qualifications:
    - (a) a person who has obtained a veterinary science degree or a similar degree from any foreign university **recognized** by the **Council**;
    - (b) a person who has obtained a veterinary science degree or a similar degree from any foreign university **not recognized** by the council and passed the examination of the qualifications held by the **Council**.
- The procedures for foreigner, who desirous to registration as veterinary surgeon (Oct 2020)

# Formation of MVC: Structure

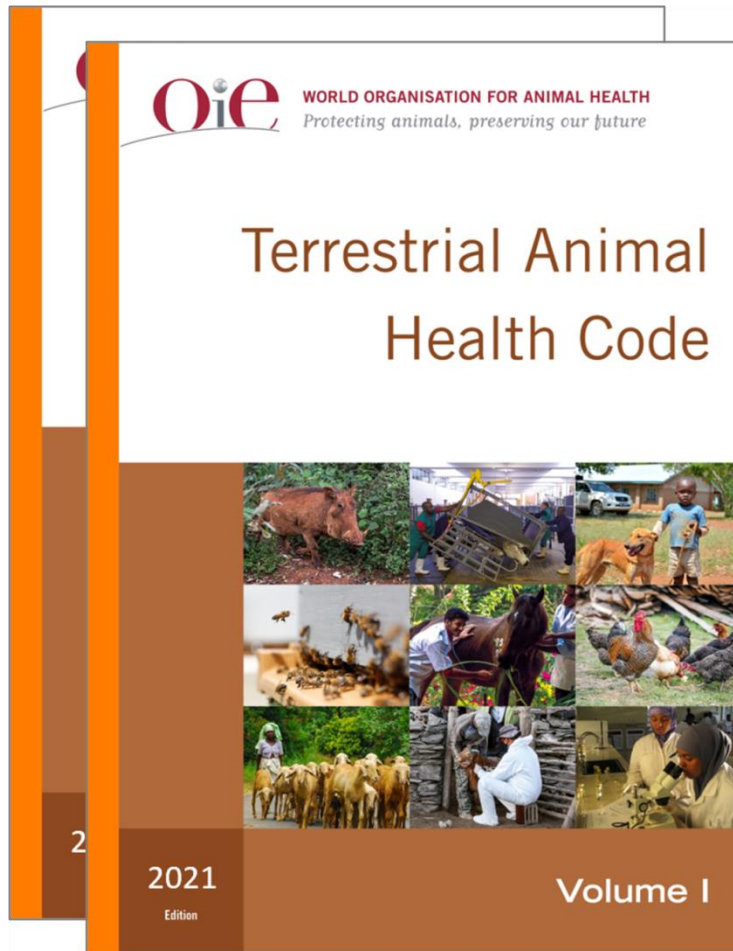
- **MVC Law Section 4:** The Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI) shall, with the approval of the Government form the Veterinary Council consisting of the following persons:-
  - (a) One Veterinary Surgeon assigned duties by the MOALI Chairman
  - (b) Six Veterinary Surgeon assigned duties by the MOALI Members
  - (c) Seven persons elected by the Veterinary Surgeons Members  
from among themselves
  - (d) A Registration Officer appointed and assigned duties under this law Secretary
- **MVC Law Section 27, sub-section (a):** The MOALI shall, for the purpose of this Law appoint a Veterinary Surgeon of the LBVD as a **Registration Officer** and assign duties to him.

# Formation of MVC: Tenure and Chairman

- **MVC Law Section 7, sub-section (a):** The tenure of the Council is four years at a time commencing from the date of its formation.

MVC	Tenure	Chairman
First	1998-2002	Dr Mya Nyun, Former Rector of UVS
Second	2003-2006	Dr Mya Nyun, Former Rector of UVS
Third	2007-2010	Dr Mya Nyun, Former Rector of UVS Dr Min Soe, Former Rector of UVS
Fourth	2011-2014	Dr Saw Plei Saw, Former Pro-Rector of UVS
Fifth	2015-2018	Dr Saw Plei Saw, Former Pro-Rector of UVS
Six	2019- up to now	Dr Myint Thein, Former Rector of UVS and DG of LBVD Dr Khin Zaw, Former Permanent Secretary of MOALI

# Objectives & Functions of VSB



- The *veterinary statutory body* should regulate *veterinarians* and *veterinary paraprofessionals* to effectively and independently maintain educational and professional standards relevant to their roles, including official tasks, veterinary clinical services and other veterinary tasks as appropriate.

Source: Article 3.2.5, Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2021, WOAHA

## VSB is legally responsible and adequately resourced for:

- a) Licensing and registration of *veterinarians* and *veterinary paraprofessionals* to perform defined activities related to veterinary science or animal health;
- b) Setting minimum standards of education required to be registered or licensed as *veterinarians* or *veterinary paraprofessionals*;
- c) Setting minimum standards of professional conduct and competence of registered *veterinarians* and *veterinary paraprofessionals* and ensuring that these standards are met and maintained;
- d) Investigating complaints and applying disciplinary measures.



# Registration of Veterinary Surgeon



**Dr. Aung Gyi, Deputy Union Minister for MOALI gave an Opening Speech at 21<sup>st</sup> Veterinary Registration Certificate Conferring Ceremony, 24 Dec 2022**

# Registration of Veterinary Surgeon

- MVC has been conducting the registration certificate conferring ceremony on the next day of UVS's convocation, generally.
- MVC has issued registration certificate to **5033** Myanmar veterinary graduates starting from Oct 2019 to Dec 2022.



Chairman of MVC Conferring Registration Certificate to New Veterinary Graduates on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

# Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP): Definition

- **WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2022): VPP** means a person who, for the purposes of the [Terrestrial Code](#), is authorized by the [veterinary statutory body](#) to carry out certain designated tasks (dependent upon the category of [veterinary paraprofessional](#)) in a territory, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a [veterinarian](#). The tasks for each category of [veterinary paraprofessional](#) should be defined by the [veterinary statutory body](#) depending on qualifications and training, and in accordance with need.
- **Veterinary auxiliary (MVC Rules, Rule 48):** A person desirous of permit to practice as a veterinary auxiliary may apply to the **Council** if he possesses the following qualifications:-
  - (a) Myanmar citizenship,
  - (b) a person who has received veterinary science diploma or certificate from domestic or abroad recognized by Council, even though who does not have any degree specified under Section 11 of the Law.

# Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP): Recognition

- Up to Dec 2022, MVC has issued **644** permits to practice as a veterinary auxiliary (VA) to the person as follow:-
  - who obtained the certificate, after completion of two-year veterinary assistance course (the course has stopped since 1975, MVC is extending their permit)
  - who obtained the certificate, after completion of course especially for management, breeding, health care and training of horse, ass and mule conducted by military training Centres
- No further VA or VPP courses are opened by LBVD or UVS.
- **Animal Health and Livestock Development Law (Aug 2020), Section 2 (jj): CAHW means** a certified person who has passed the basic animal health training organized by the **Department** (LBVD), and been allowed to assist and participate in specific activities prescribed by the **Department** (LBVD).
- According to that AHLD law, LBVD is taking the responsibilities for CAHWs including training, prescribing, managing and monitoring their activities, and taking administrative action.
- **At present, MVC do not issue any permit to CAHW.** But participated in the meeting and workshop on drafting of CAHW regulations organized by LBVD.

# Contribute to National Veterinary Workforce

- The State Administration Council organized 'Central Committee for Animal Health and Livestock Development' Chaired by Union Minister for MOALI on Oct 2021 under Animal Health and Livestock Development Law (AHLD Law) 2020.
- DG of LBVD is assigned as Secretary of this committee and one representative each from MVC, MVA and Myanmar Livestock Federation (MLF) are included as members.
- MVC is participated in the activities lead by LBVD and provided necessary inputs, e.g. WAAW, World Rabies Day, Disease review meetings on HPAI, FMD, ASF, LSD, PPR and TB.
  - MVC has close relation with LBVD and UVS because DG of LBVD and Rector of UVS or their representatives are members of MVC.
  - MVC participated in Knowledge Sharing Programme of UVS and held panel discussion with first year and final year veterinary students.



# Panel Discussion with Veterinary Students



# Way Forward

- Prepare the needs for issuing **veterinary registration certificate to foreigner** in line with ASEAN MRA,
- Support the **implementation of AVSBN strategy**,
- Contribute in **strengthening Myanmar veterinary workforce** development in cooperation with stakeholder and
- Provide technical inputs to achieve **South-East Asia veterinary school accreditation standards** in collaboration with UVS, LBVD and private sector partners.



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