

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2025 No. 33

**The Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Commencement and
Transitional) Order, 2025**

<i>Made</i>	28 th April, 2025
<i>Coming into operation</i>	1 st May, 2025
<i>Laid before the States</i>	, 2025

THE COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 17 of the Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025^a, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders:-

Commencement of the Ordinance of 2025.

1. The Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 shall come into force on the 1st May, 2025 ("**the commencement day**").

^a Ordinance No. VIII of 2025.

Transition for existing veterinary premises.

2. (1) This article applies where a person carries on a veterinary practice business ("**existing practice**") from or at any premises ("**existing premises**") immediately before the commencement day.

(2) The requirement to register the existing premises under section 17A(1) of the principal Ordinance will not apply until –

(a) where an application to register those premises is made within six months after the commencement day –

(i) the day the application is approved, or

(ii) if the application is refused –

(A) the day which is three months after notification of refusal, or

(B) if an appeal is made or brought earlier, the day the appeal is concluded,

(b) in all other cases, the day which is six months after the commencement day.

(3) For the purposes of this Order –

(a) "**veterinary practice business**" has the meaning given by section 17A(2) of the principal Ordinance,

(b) an appeal means either –

- (i) judicial review proceedings, or
 - (ii) an application to the Complaints Panel under the Administrative Decisions (Review) (Guernsey) Law, 1986^b, where permitted under that Law, and
- (c) an appeal is to be regarded as concluded if it is finally determined, is withdrawn or abandoned, or lapses.

Transition for existing veterinary surgeons.

3. (1) This article applies to any recognised veterinary surgeon ("**existing surgeon**") who, immediately before the commencement day, practises -

- (a) in or on behalf of an existing practice, and
- (b) at or from existing premises.

(2) The requirement in section 7(2) of the principal Ordinance will not apply to an existing surgeon until the earlier of -

- (a) the day on which the name of the existing surgeon is entered as practising veterinary surgery at or from any premises registered under section 17B(2) of the principal Ordinance, or

^b Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXIX; this enactment has been amended.

- (b) the day which is six months after the commencement day.

Transition for existing veterinary nurses.

4. (1) This article applies to any person ("**existing nurse**") who, immediately before the commencement day, practises veterinary nursing –

- (a) in or on behalf of an existing practice, and
- (b) at or from existing premises.

(2) The requirement in section 17G(1) of the principal Ordinance will not apply to an existing nurse until the earlier of the following –

- (a) the day on which the existing nurse is registered as a veterinary nurse under section 17I(2) of the Ordinance,
- (b) the day which is six months after the commencement day.

(3) Where section 17G(1) of the principal Ordinance applies to an existing nurse who has not been registered as a veterinary nurse under section 17I(2) of that Ordinance, the existing nurse does not commit an offence under section 17G of the principal Ordinance unless he –

- (a) holds himself out as practising as a registered veterinary nurse, or
- (b) takes or uses the title of registered veterinary nurse, or any name, title, addition or description implying that

he is a registered veterinary nurse or is qualified to practise as a registered veterinary nurse.

(4) Paragraph (3) ceases to have effect on and from the fifth anniversary of the commencement day.

Interpretation.

5. In this Order, unless the context requires otherwise –

"**the commencement day**" means the day specified in article 1,

"**existing practice**" has the meaning given by article 2(1),

"**existing premises**" has the meaning given by article 2(1), and

"**the principal Ordinance**" means the Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

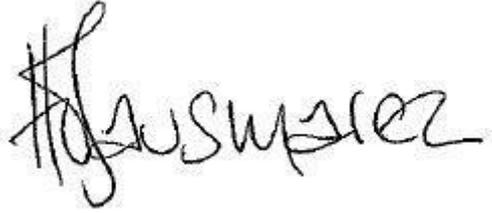
Extent.

6. This Order has effect in in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

Citation.

7. This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Commencement and Transitional) Order, 2025.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. L. De Saumarez', with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

H. L. DE SAUSMAREZ

President of the Committee for Environment & Infrastructure

For and on behalf of the Committee

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force the Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 on the 1st May, 2025 and makes transitional provisions in respect of existing veterinary practice businesses, existing veterinary premises, existing veterinary surgeons and existing veterinary nurses.