

Use of titles

AVBC Inc is the body responsible for assessing veterinary qualifications to determine whether the bearer is entitled to register as a veterinarian in Australia and New Zealand or as a veterinary specialist. The titles 'Veterinarian, Veterinary Surgeon and Veterinary Practitioner' are legally restricted to those individuals who are registered by veterinary boards in Australia and New Zealand.

The title 'Veterinary Specialist' is legally restricted to those individuals who have achieved higher veterinary qualifications, usually involving several year of study and peer assessment, and are registered as veterinary specialists by veterinary boards in Australia and New Zealand. The qualifications are usually restricted to a particular species or discipline. In clinical practice, most veterinary specialists accept referral cases from other veterinarians.

The purpose of the restrictions on the use of the titles veterinarian and veterinary specialist is to protect the public by ensuring that only those individuals who possess the appropriate qualifications can provide veterinary services.

The term 'Resident' is usually employed by those veterinarians undergoing training to become a specialist at a recognised institution or practice.

The term 'Intern' usually refers to a veterinarian receiving additional training or experience at a recognised institution or practice.

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Requirements vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction