



## POLICY STATEMENT

# *Modifying the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario*

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### **Purpose of the Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy statement is to inform the membership that the Registrar can approve independently of the Accreditation Committee certain requests for exemptions from the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario (MSVFO). The Registrar also has the option of asking the Accreditation Committee to review any request. The exemption items which the Registrar is able to approve are as follows:

1. The IV Fluid Pump:
  - Item 9.3.15 in Title 2: Companion Animal Office
  - Item 9.3.15 in Title 3: Companion Animal Mobile Office
  - Item 8.1.14 in Title 4: Companion Animal Mobile
2. The facility self-contained requirement when veterinary facilities are associated with a university or college.
3. The standards which are not relevant to a limited scope of practice in a food-producing animal mobile, restricted to swine and a food-producing animal mobile, restricted to swine – no surgery.

## Background

The Accreditation Committee considers requests received by the Registrar for exemption from one or more Standards outlined in the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario (MSVFO). Frequent requests for exemption from a particular Standard and approval by the Accreditation Committee may, among other reasons, suggest that the Standard does not reflect the current standard of practice and/or there is little to no risk to public safety. Consequently, the Accreditation Committee, with the approval of Council, has referred a list of exemption requests to the Registrar who may process them without the need to go to the Accreditation Committee itself.

## Conditions for Obtaining Exemption

The facility director completes the Request for Exemption form, which, upon review by the Registrar, will either be approved by the Registrar or referred to the Accreditation Committee.

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