



## Advising

### VETERINARIAN

#### ALSO CALLED

- Veterinary surgeon
- Vet



#### WHAT'S THE JOB ABOUT?

- **Treating and preventing diseases in animals**  
Diagnosis and treatment of injury/illness, prescription of medications, surgery, vaccination, dietary recommendations, euthanasia
- **Advising farmers and pet owners**  
Flock/herd health programs, feeding/breeding strategies, certifying soundness for breeding and performance programs
- **Specialising in particular types of animals or fields in veterinary science**  
Large and small livestock, pets/companion animals, native and exotic species

#### WORK CONDITIONS

- Veterinarians can work in private practice or for government departments, universities, research organisations and large companies.
- Work may take place in a veterinary surgery, on farms and at racing/stabling facilities, quarantine stations, research facilities, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries.
- Veterinarians often work long and irregular hours including being on call at nights and on weekends.
- The job is very practical and uses applied scientific research.
- Opportunities exist to travel both within Australia and overseas to work and attend conferences.
- Sufficient funds or financial backing are essential to purchase/ lease premises and establish a veterinary practice.
- Small business management skills are essential for the successful operation of a veterinary practice.



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### EXPERIENCE AND RELATED TRAINING

- To be employed as veterinarian you must have a degree in Veterinary Science.
- Specialisation usually occurs through postgraduate studies.

Career path	Training Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinarian</li> </ul> <p>You undertake a number of the above tasks working in a private practice or for government agencies, institutions or drug companies.</p>	<p>TERTIARY EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree in Veterinary Science (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal of a Veterinary Practice</li> </ul> <p>You own and operate a veterinary practice, usually employing staff such as other veterinarians and veterinary nurses.</p>	<p>TERTIARY EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree in Veterinary Science (or equivalent)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant Veterinarian</li> </ul> <p>You have specialised in a particular field of veterinary science and provide advice and specialist skills to veterinarians and other clients.</p>	<p>TERTIARY EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post graduate degree (Masters /PhD) in a field related to veterinary science or other specialist area.</li> </ul>

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