



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR 2 Dictionary (definition of “qualified veterinary surgeon”)

#### Summary:

The term “qualified veterinary surgeon” is currently used in AR 34(3) (regarding horse registration) and AR 225 (regarding euthanasia).

From 1 January 2020 the term will also be used in new/amended rules which provide that:

- only a qualified veterinary surgeon can perform shockwave therapy on a horse –AR 86(4);
- only a qualified veterinary surgeon can perform endoscopy of the respiratory tract on a horse – AR 231(6); and
- a defence to blood doping offences exists where certain therapy is provided by a qualified veterinary surgeon – AR 257A.

The term is being defined in the Rules to provide clarity as to what constitutes a qualified veterinary surgeon.

In addition to having the relevant qualifications, the definition includes an additional requirement that the veterinarian be approved by the relevant PRA if required, given such a requirement applies under the Racing NSW Local Rules.

#### Amend AR 2 as follows:

#### AR 2 Dictionary

In the interpretation of these Australian Rules (and any race meeting held under them), unless the context requires otherwise, the words and phrases below have the meanings set out in this rule.

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“**qualified veterinary surgeon** means a veterinarian who is:

- (a) registered with the Veterinary Practitioners Board (or equivalent regulatory body) in a State or Territory of Australia; and
- (b) approved by the relevant PRA (including by way of permit, approval or licence) if required by a Local Rule of that PRA.”

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**Date of effect: 1 January 2020**