



# VETERINARY SURGEONS BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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### **SA Health, Office of the Chief Pharmacist: New Pentobarbital Storage Regulations**

The Office of the Chief Pharmacist has advised that new regulations regarding the storage of pentobarbital injection will come into effect on 4 June 2021.

These new regulations require the secure storage of pentobarbital injection and affect veterinary practices and licenced organisations that use pentobarbital injection for humane euthanasia of animals. The information has been published on the [SA Health website](#).

Minimum regulatory requirements for Schedule 4 drugs include that they are stored out of public access. **Changes to regulation 27 of the [Poisons Regulations](#), in effect from 4 June 2021 will additionally require that pentobarbital injection be stored in a locked container.**

Veterinary surgeons, veterinary practices and organisations licenced to keep pentobarbital for humane animal euthanasia must ensure that this drug is securely stored so as to prevent unauthorised access.

Regulatory changes in South Australia are intended to align with national requirements for storage of pentobarbital injection.

### **Department of Primary Industries and Regions, Biosecurity SA: Expressions of Interest, Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia**

Expressions of interest are being sought from veterinary surgeons for a position on the Veterinary Surgeons Board of South Australia. The position will begin on 1 July 2021 for a term of 3 years.

For further information, including information about the recruitment process and application forms, please



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see: [https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal\\_health/veterinarians](https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/veterinarians) (scroll to the bottom of the page).

The closing date for expressions of interest is 28 March 2021.

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