

Towards Modernization

Transition from the College of Veterinarians of Ontario to the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario



How we started

2013 Initiated by College Council

The College Council identifies the *Veterinarians Act* as a barrier to good, sound regulatory practices.

2014 to 2016 Work begins

Legislative reform is set as a strategic direction. Working groups guide the focus and priorities. The profession, partners and public share their ideas through consultations on concepts for modernization.

2017 Proposal to government

Recommendations are presented to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Central to the proposal is recognition that animal care in Ontario is delivered by a team, which includes veterinarians, and veterinary technicians.

2019 Partnerships

The College, along with partners at the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, collaborate to encourage the Ontario government to move towards modernization.

2024 June 6 Modernized legislation

The *Veterinary Professionals Act* receives Royal Assent.

2024 March Legislation introduced

The *Veterinary Professionals Act* is introduced in the Ontario legislature.

2022 Government commitment

The Ontario government commits to modernization of the *Veterinarians Act* and launches a public consultation.

2024 August Transition Council established

Includes Legacy Council members and three Registered Veterinary Technicians.

2024 Transition work underway

Transition Council works on regulatory concept and holds a public consultation.

2025 October Concepts finalized

Transition Council finalized the regulatory concept recommendations, which were shared with the Ontario government, who will develop the regulations.

Where we are

2025 June-December Developing By-Laws

The Transition Council is working on the By-Laws to guide the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario. Consultation expected early in 2026.

The CVPO begins

Proclamation

The College of Veterinary Professionals is launched. Transition Council continues to oversee the new College until the first Council is elected and the Transition Council is dissolved.

Standards and Policy

Standards and other policy documents will be established to support safe, quality veterinary medicine.

Work still to come

The College welcomes its new legislation, the *Veterinary Professionals Act*. The new framework modernizes the regulation of the veterinary profession in Ontario. For more information, please contact the College or visit cvo.org/modernization.

