



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	October 5, 2022
<b>TO</b>	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Timothy Rodda, Administration/Licensing Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 16.B. Examination/Licensing Report</b>

## Examination Updates

### International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

On July 14, 2022 the [ICVA announced](#) that Kathy Bowler was selected to be the 2022-2023 ICVA Board Chair. Ms. Bowler is the first public member to be Board Chair for the ICVA.

On August 1, 2022 the ICVA sent a [call out for nominations](#) for one open position on the Assessment Development Committee; specifically for a Small Ruminant expert. The position would complete a one-year unexpired term, but would be eligible for reappointment to a full three-year term. Duties for this position include assisting the ICVA in identifying item writers and participating in item and form review meetings for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). Nominations for the position closed on September 15, 2022. The ICVA posted the [Nomination Form](#) and [Qualifications](#) on their website.

On August 25, 2022 the ICVA provided an [update on their assessment grant](#). The grant received five Letters of Intent, and after review, two were invited to submit full applications for the grant program with a due date of October 15, 2022. This grant was developed in 2019 and supports research into assessment practices in veterinary medical education worldwide.

On September 26, 2022 the ICVA released the new edition of their newsletter - [Veterinary Assessment in Focus](#). This newsletter includes an update from their CEO, Dr. Heather Case. Additionally, there are introductions and interviews with the new Chief Innovation Officer Janine Hawley and Board Chair Kathy Bowler. Additionally, the newsletter recognized volunteer awards that were presented at their June 2022 Board meeting – one to Dr. Gary Gackstetter who has been involved as an item writer and committee member since 1998, and the other to Dr. Rick Tubbs, who has participated in NAVLE development since the early 2000s and served on committees and the Board of Directors. The newsletter also welcomed and introduced new ICVA Board members – Dr. Hilari French and Dr. Jason Coe. The newsletter concluded with examination updates on the NAVLE, Veterinary Educational Assessment, Series Specific Examinations, and the Wisconsin Laws and Rules Examination.

### Examination Statistics

The NAVLE and the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) returned to their routine examination scheduling and grading. The NAVLE is next offered from November 1, 2022 - December 16, 2022. The VTNE was offered July 15 - August 15, 2022. Examination results are posted below.

<b>North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)</b>					
<b>January - May 2021</b>		<b>November - December 2021</b>		<b>April 2022</b>	
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>
85	55%	419	79%	92	57%

<b>Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)</b>					
<b>October - December 2021</b>		<b>March - April 2022</b>		<b>July - August 2022</b>	
<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Pass %</b>
381	49%	376	50%	462	46%

The national pass rate for the July 15 – August 15, 2022 VTNE was 61%, with 3,551 candidates taking the examination.

VTNE yearly pass rates by school, can be found [here on the Board's website](#). These statistics are provided by PSI to staff, and once we receive the data, the Board's website will be updated.

### Licensing Updates

#### BreEZe Updates (Strategic Plan Object 2.3)

The Board has added an application that can be completed by veterinarians to associate and disassociate premises and VACSP holders. This process changes a process that was completed manually through a paper application which was sent to the Board.

Additionally, enforcement codes were updated within the system which provide greater clarity for staff use in addition to eliminating duplicative and obsolete codes.

#### Upcoming BreEZe Improvements

Board staff continue to work with OIS to plan and prioritize improvements in BreEZe. Upcoming scheduled improvements to BreEZe include primarily DCA global changes.

The Board specific BreEZe changes include simplifying the university license application and reduce its current two applications to one (similar to all other Board applications).

## **Performance Measures**

### **Applications**

Board applications decreased from the prior quarter, with significantly fewer (from 482 to 170) veterinarian applications, 2% fewer veterinary premises applications, and 6% fewer VACSP applications; however, the Board received 12% more RVT applications compared to last quarter. The Board received 39 university license applications, up from 15 last quarter. The Board received fewer applications this quarter with veterinarians as anticipated. Similarly, RVTs increased their applications as anticipated. With the implementation of AB 1535, the Board's application processes changed for both RVTs and veterinarians. Now both applicants apply when they are ready for licensure, rather than when they are ready for testing. The increase in RVT applications occurred this quarter with when the VTNE results were released, and in the prior quarter, veterinarian applications significantly increased due to graduation and licensure eligibility. Compared to the same quarter last year, the Board received the same number of applications and issued nearly twice as many licenses and permits. The low number of licenses issued last year at this time was likely due to the impact of COVID with examinations and workforce.

### **Licenses**

Overall, the Board issued fewer licenses compared to last quarter. The Board issued 35% fewer veterinarian licenses, RVT registrations increased by 12%, premises registrations decreased 26%, and VACSP registrations decreased by 7%. Additionally, there were 10 university licenses issued, a decrease from the 12 issued last quarter. Again, this overall increase in licenses issued corresponds to licensure requirements and examination results – specifically the graduation of veterinarian candidates and VTNE results for RVT candidates.

Compared to the prior fiscal year, the Board issued nearly twice as many licenses. There was an increase in licensure and registration for each type, except university licenses, which saw a decrease from 12 to 10.

Additional licensing performance measures can be found through DCA's Interactive Data Portal [here](#).

<b>Licensee Population</b>			
	<i>as of October 2020</i>	<i>as of October 1, 2021</i>	<i>as of October 5, 2022</i>
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	15,168/12,538	15,410/12,605	15,966/13,103
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	11,330	11,536	12,203
University Veterinarian*/**	144/125	165/124	197/140
Veterinarian – Internship**	17	30	1
Veterinarian – Reciprocity**	59	67	12
RVT Registrations*/**	9,795/7,350	10,113/7,613	10,654/8,057
RVT Registrations – California**	8,533	8,702	9,653
Premises Registrations*/**	4,177/3,649	4,218/3,665	4,316/3,745

Premises Registrations – Exempt**	91	103	104
VACSPs*/**	7,268/4,775	8,691/5,207	10,695/6,220
<i>*includes delinquent, inactive, and clear licensees; **clear licensees</i>			

**Attachments:**

1. VMB Monthly Application Statistics – Individual Transactions Report



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 BREEZE SYSTEM  
 VMB Monthly Application Statistics - Individual  
 Transactions  
 From Jul 1, 2022 to Sep 30, 2022



Veterinarian Licensure Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			Total
	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Received Paper	0	0	0	0
Received Online	70	58	38	166
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	76	90	42	208
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	215	128	107	107
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	13	13	8	12

Veterinarian Renewal Application	2022			FY
	Q1			Total
	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Received Paper Volume	1	0	0	1
Received Online Volume	522	544	465	1,531
Approved Paper Volume	1	1	0	2
Approved Online Volume	521	549	449	1,519
Pending Paper Volume	16	15	15	15
Pending Online Volume	101	96	94	94
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	13	46	N/A	30
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	0	3	3	2



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RVT Licensure Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper	1	1	0	2
Received Online	62	162	81	305
Approved Paper	1	0	0	1
Approved Online	42	46	112	200
Pending Paper	9	8	8	8
Pending Online	417	503	426	426
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	N/A	N/A	0
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	2	2	1	1

RVT Renewal Application	2022			FY
	Q1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper Volume	1	0	1	2
Received Online Volume	347	355	285	987
Approved Paper Volume	1	1	0	2
Approved Online Volume	344	359	268	971
Pending Paper Volume	11	10	10	10
Pending Online Volume	80	76	77	77
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	76	17	N/A	46
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	0	1	0	0



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Premises Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper	1	0	0	1
Received Online	57	45	29	131
Approved Paper	1	0	0	1
Approved Online	43	58	25	126
Pending Paper	7	7	7	7
Pending Online	45	29	29	29
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	N/A	N/A	0
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	1	1	0	1

Premises Renewal Application	2022			FY
	Q1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper Volume	3	0	0	3
Received Online Volume	199	124	109	432
Approved Paper Volume	2	1	0	3
Approved Online Volume	201	123	104	428
Pending Paper Volume	6	5	5	5
Pending Online Volume	5	5	4	4
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	96	23	N/A	72
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	1	0	1	1



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VACSP Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper	0	4	2	6
Received Online	160	224	189	573
Approved Paper	2	3	3	8
Approved Online	125	236	171	532
Pending Paper	16	14	13	13
Pending Online	638	586	579	579
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	25	17	16
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	3	3	4

VACSP Renewal Application	2022			FY
	Q1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper Volume	0	0	0	0
Received Online Volume	214	231	200	645
Approved Paper Volume	0	0	0	0
Approved Online Volume	222	224	192	638
Pending Paper Volume	8	8	8	8
Pending Online Volume	46	53	53	53
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	0	9	4





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**From Jul 1, 2022 to Sep 30, 2022**



University License Initial Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0
Received Online	17	5	1	23
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	3	17	0	20
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	15	2	0	0
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	8	N/A	7

University License Licensure Application	2022			FY
	Quarter 1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0
Received Online	1	6	10	17
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	0	5	5	10
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	1	2	4	4
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	3	1	2

University License Renewal Application	2022			FY
	Q1			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Received Paper Volume	0	0	0	0
Received Online Volume	6	4	3	13
Approved Paper Volume	0	0	0	0
Approved Online Volume	6	4	3	13
Pending Paper Volume	0	0	0	0
Pending Online Volume	0	0	0	0
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	0	0	0	0