

Examination/Licensing Report

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Examinations

NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAMINATION			
April 2012		November 2012/December 2012	
Candidates	Pass Pct.	Candidates	Pass Pct.
61	75%	327	TBD

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD EXAMINATION			
May 2012 – October 2012		November 2012 – April 2013	
Candidates	Pass Pct.	Candidates	Pass Pct.
158	91%	202	87%

REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAMINATION			
July 2012 - December 2012		January 2013 - June 2013	
Candidates	Pass Pct.	Candidates	Pass Pct.
349	71%	100	67%

Examination Workshops

May 9-10, 2013 – RVT Law Examination - Item Writing

May 23-24, 2013 – RVT Law Examination - Item Writing

June 20-21, 2013 – RVT Law Examination - Item Writing

Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) examination workshops will continue in 2013 and will include RVT examination item review, examination construction, and pass score setting. The RVT Examination is on track to be completed for a January 2014 release.

Licensing

Licensees	
<i>as of March 2013</i>	
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	15,988/11,244
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	8,695
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses*/**	8,965/5,929
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses California**	5,434
Premise Permits**	3,193
Premise Permits – Exempt**	75

**includes delinquent, inactive, and clear licensees; **clear licensees*

Licenses Issued		
	Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2012	Jan. 2013 - Mar. 2013
Veterinarian	562	52
Reciprocity	50	11
Intern	29	1
Registered Veterinary Technician	491	82
Premises	167	19

Continuing Education Audits

In September 2012 staff began a six-month veterinary continuing education audit pilot program. Initial review of the audit program has revealed some compliance issues with both licensees and continuing education providers. Once the initial six-month pilot period is complete staff will evaluate the continuing education audit program, work with enforcement staff to develop an enforcement component where appropriate, and provide a report to the Board at its July 2013 meeting.

Publications

Fall/Winter Newsletter – Staff is working with the Publications Committee on content for the Spring 2013 Newsletter. The Publications Committee forwarded content to staff in late-March. Staff will continue to work with legal counsel to review the Newsletter content and the Office of Publications, Design & Editing to develop the Newsletter for an anticipated publication in May 2014.

VTNE Transition

Staff has begun work on the transition to the VTNE for a planned rollout in January 2014. Among the components identified to ensure the transition are:

- Establish a contract with AAVSB to administer the VTNE.
- Drafting and implement regulations (including establish an appropriate fee for the new California RVT examination).
- Work with ATS/CAS and BreEZe database systems to accept the new examination requirements.
- Work with OPES to finalize the California RVT examination and rollout the examination with the Board's examination vendor (including establishing a contract with the vendor, PSI).
- Notify licensee applicants and constituents of the upcoming transition.

Staff began preliminary work with AAVSB in early-April to establish a contract, has begun implementing regulations (included in this Board agenda), and continues work with OPES on the California RVT examination. More staff research is needed to determine whether the Board's transition to BreEZe will impact the transition to the VTNE.

Website

Staff worked with the Department's Office of Information Services to update the Board's website to the new State template. The new website design went live on March 14, 2013.