

Examination/Licensing Report

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Examinations

NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAMINATION			
November 2012/December 2012		April 2013	
Candidates	Pass Pct.	Candidates	Pass Pct.
327	87%	90	82%

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%	245	68%

Examination Development and Workshops

RVT California veterinary technician examination Workshops have been completed. The RVT Examination is on track to be completed for an early 2014 release.

Licensing

Licensees	
as of June 2013	
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	16,095/11,301
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	8,741
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses*/**	9,042/5,946
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses California**	5,451
Premise Permits**	3,024
Premise Permits – Exempt**	75

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

Licenses Issued		
	Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2012	Jan. 2013 - Jun. 2013
Veterinarian	562	278
Reciprocity	50	24
Intern	29	2
Registered Veterinary Technician	491	174
Premises	167	52

Continuing Education Audits

In September 2012 staff began a six-month veterinary continuing education audit (CE) pilot program. Initial review of the audit program has revealed some compliance issues with both licensees and continuing education providers.

Out of 60 CE audits conducted, three veterinarians have not complied with their CE requirement to date. Those licensees who did not comply with the CE audit have their license put on hold and cannot renew their license. Another issue that came up in audits is licensees who did not complete all their CE until after their license expiration date. Out of 60 audits, seven licensees did not complete their CE until after their license expired. Those licensee's licenses were on hold and did not renew until all CE was complete.

Publications

Spring Newsletter – The News and Views Spring 2013 Newsletter was posted on the Board's website as well as sent to all email subscribers on June 12, 2013.

VTNE Transition

Staff continues to work with all facets of the transition to the VTNE in early 2014. It was determined, based on the VTNE examination testing windows that the Board will transition on March 1, 2014. This would enable VTNE applicants to apply for the July-August VTNE testing window with the maximum allowable time to apply for the examination. Additional areas staff are working on relative to the VTNE rollout are:

Regulations – The 45-day Notice issued on May 31, 2013 and Board will hold hearing at the July meeting. If not substantive public comments Board staff can proceed with filing the rulemaking file with the Office of Administrative Law.

Contract – Staff is working with AAVSB and DCA staff to establish a contract with AAVSB to administer the VTNE.

RVT California Examination – Board staff is working with OPES to finalize the California examination. OPES completed all examination development workshops in June.

Due to the Board transition to the new BreEZe database system, Board staff is working on developing a temporary workaround in order to process RVT applicants after March 1, 2014 and until BreEZe is fully implemented.