

**VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD LANGUAGE
PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES
SECTIONS 2000, 2010, 2010.1, 2014.5, 2015, 2015.1 2015.2, 2017, 2018, 2023 and 2024**

(1) Amend section 2000 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2000. Location of Offices.

The principal office of the Veterinary Medical Board is located at ~~1420 Howe Avenue, Suite 6, Sacramento, California 95825~~ 2005 Evergreen Avenue, Suite 2250, Sacramento, California 95815.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4800, Business and Professions Code.

(2) Amend section 2010 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2010. Application.

(a) An application for eligibility evaluation for the California State Board (CSB) examination ~~or the eligibility evaluation for the national examination~~ shall be submitted to the board at its principal place of business on an application form prescribed and provided by the board, (~~Form No. 25A01, Rev. 07/2000 4/2008~~), accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as therein required, ~~and filed with the board at its principal office at least ninety-five (95) days before the date fixed for the examination. The~~ Board shall complete the eligibility evaluation and notify the candidate of eligibility and/or status.

~~Any applicant desiring to retake an examination shall submit to the board the appropriate application and fee at least ninety-five (95) days before the date fixed for the examination. Once eligibility is established, the candidate will be authorized to take the computer based examination. If an applicant fails their first scheduled examination, the applicant must reapply by submitting to the board required application forms and fees.~~

(b) An application for the registered veterinary technician examination shall be submitted on an application form prescribed and provided by the board, (~~Form No. 26-1, Rev. 04/98 7/2009~~), accompanied by such evidence, statements or documents as therein required, ~~and filed with the board at its principal office at least sixty (60) days before the date fixed for the examination. The Board shall complete the~~ eligibility evaluation and notify the candidate of eligibility and/or status. Once eligibility is established, the candidate will be authorized to take the computer based registered veterinary technician examination. If an

applicant fails their first scheduled examination, the applicant must reapply by submitting to the board
required application forms and fees.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

(3) Amend section 2010.1 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2010.1. Eligibility Evaluation —~~National Examination.~~

~~(a) Effective July 18, 2000, all applicants applying to the Board for eligibility evaluation for the national examination shall submit an Application for Veterinary Examination Eligibility form as provided by the Board, (form No. 25A01 (Rev. 07/2000)), certified under penalty of perjury and accompanied by such supporting documents required herein and the eligibility review fee specified in section 2070. Applicants from a veterinary colleges not recognized by the Board shall submit supporting documents to substantiate either:~~

- ~~1. enrollment in the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program or~~
- ~~2. (a) enrollment in the Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence,~~

~~(b) successful completion of the qualifying examination, and~~

~~(c) proof of being within six months of completing one year of evaluated clinical experience at an AVMA accredited college of veterinary medicine.~~

All applicants applying for eligibility evaluation for the national examination shall submit an application and required supporting documents to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

(a) Applicants from an AVMA accredited college of veterinary medicine must submit proof of senior status and of being within eight months of graduation.

(b) Applicants from a veterinary college not recognized by the Board shall submit supporting documents to substantiate either:

1. certificate of completion of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program (ECFVG) or
2. certificate of completion of the Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE).

~~(b)~~ (c) Upon determination of an applicant's eligibility for the national examination, the AAVSB shall notify the applicant of his or her eligibility to take the national examination and transmit the applicant's eligibility information to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or its authorized representative.

~~(c)~~ (d) All applicants with current and valid eligibility on file with the AAVSB may make proper application to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or its authorized representative for the national examination.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4846.1 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

(4) Repeal section 2014.5 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read:

~~2014.5. National Examination — Transition Plan.~~

~~(a) For purposes of this section, the national examination which consisted of (1) the National Board Examination in Veterinary Medicine and (2) the Clinical Competency Test shall be known as the “two part national examination” and the national examination to be administered on or after May 2000 shall be known as the “North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.”~~

~~(b) Commencing in May 2000, the two part national examination shall be replaced with the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.~~

~~(c) Commencing in May 2000, an applicant who has not passed both sections of the two part national examination shall be required to pass the new North American Veterinary Licensing Examination to receive Board credit for having passed the national examination.~~

~~(d) Subject to the provisions of section 2015, an applicant who has passed both sections of the two part national examination on or before May 2000 shall be eligible to receive Board credit for the national examination.~~

~~(e) This section shall remain in effect until May 2005, when the appropriate time period for conditional credit for the former “two part national examination” expires.~~

~~NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4848, Business and Professions Code.~~

(5) Amend section 2015 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2015. Examinations; Conditional Credit.

~~(a) An applicant who has failed an examination or who has had conditional credit withdrawn may apply to be re-examined at a subsequent examination.~~

~~(b) Subject to the provisions of section 2010.1(c), upon application for reexamination, proof of the applicant's qualifications need not be resubmitted, but the applicant shall file an affidavit on a form~~

prescribed and provided by the board, (form Affidavit 4/2000), verifying he or she has not practiced veterinary medicine in California since the date of his or her last application.

(c) ~~(a)~~ An applicant who passes the national examination, ~~shall receive conditional credit for such and shall complete~~ the California state board examination and the veterinary law examination within the sixty month period immediately following ~~receipt the date of~~ administration of the initial ~~conditional~~ examination receiving a passing score ~~credit. Where the remaining examinations, are passed with the specified time, the applicant shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for licensure.~~

~~(d) (b)~~ Where an applicant fails to pass the national examination, the California state board examination and the veterinary law examination within the specified sixty month time period, ~~the board shall withdraw conditional examination credit granted during this period, and the applicant shall be required to retake and pass all those examinations.~~

(c) An applicant who has failed an examination or who has failed to pass all required examinations within the specified 60 month period may apply to be re-examined at a subsequent examination.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 135 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

(6) Amend section 2015.2 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2015.2. Veterinary Law Examination.

(a) The veterinary law examination shall be administered by mail. Applicants taking the veterinary law examination shall return the completed examination to the board within 40 days of its date of mailing by the board. Failure to return a completed veterinary law examination to the board within the prescribed time shall cause the applicant to be deemed to have failed the examination and the applicant shall be required to re-apply and re-take the examination.

(b) An applicant who is a University of California or Western University of Pomona veterinary medical student who has successfully completed a course on veterinary law and ethics covering the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act shall be exempt from having to take the veterinary law examination upon providing documentation from the course provider that the applicant has successfully completed such a course.

(c) Notwithstanding section 2010, an application to take the veterinary law examination may be submitted at any time the applicant has met the requirements, in accordance with these regulations, to take such examination.

(d) An applicant applying for a temporary license pursuant to section 4848(b) shall be eligible to take the veterinary law examination upon meeting the requirement of section 4848(b)(1)-(3).

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4848, Business and Professions Code.

(7) Repeal section 2017 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read:

~~2017. Review of Applications.~~

~~(a) Within ten months after receipt of an application for original licensure to practice veterinary medicine, the board shall inform the candidate whether the application is complete and accepted for filing or that it is deficient and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the application.~~

~~(b)(1) The board shall notify a veterinary candidate within one hundred and seventy (170) days after the filing deadline for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination of his or her results thereon. This processing time applies to those candidates who submit their complete written examination application by the examination filing deadline.~~

~~(2) The board shall notify a veterinary candidate within one hundred and ninety (190) days after the candidate has been notified by the board of his or her eligibility to take the practical examination of his or her results thereon. This processing time applies to those candidates who take the first available California state board examination.~~

~~(3) The board shall decide within two hundred and ninety five (295) days after the filing of an application to practice veterinary medicine whether the candidate meets the requirements for original license. The actual processing time applies to those persons who are eligible for licensure and who take and pass the first available written and practical examinations and who submitted a complete application by the first available examination deadline.~~

~~(c) Within ten months after receipt of an application for original registration as a registered veterinary technician, the board shall inform the candidate whether the application is complete and accepted for filing or that it is deficient and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the application.~~

~~(d) The board shall notify a candidate within one hundred and seventy (170) days after the filing date for the registered veterinary technician examination of his or her results thereon. This processing time applies to those candidates who submit their complete registered veterinary technician examination application by the examination filing deadline.~~

~~NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code; Section 15376, Government Code. Reference: Section 15376, Government Code.~~

(8) Repeal section 2018 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read:

~~2018. Processing Time.~~

~~(a) The minimum, median and maximum processing times for written examination results from the time of receipt of a complete application to practice veterinary medicine until the board makes a decision thereon is set forth below:~~

~~Minimum -155 days~~

~~Median -165 days~~

~~Maximum -170 days~~

~~These processing times apply to those candidates who submit a complete written examination application by the first available examination filing deadline.~~

~~(b) The minimum, median and maximum processing times for the veterinary practical examination results from the date of board notification of eligibility therefor until the board makes a decision thereon is set forth below:~~

~~Minimum -165 days~~

~~Median -180 days~~

~~Maximum -190 days~~

~~(c) The minimum, median and maximum processing times for a license to practice veterinary medicine from the time of receipt of a completed application until the Board makes a decision is set forth below:~~

~~Minimum -255 days~~

~~Median -280 days~~

~~Maximum -295 days~~

~~These processing times apply to those candidates who take and pass the first available licensing examination and who submit a complete application by the first available examination deadline.~~

~~(d) The minimum, median and maximum processing times for registration as a registered veterinary technician from the time of receipt of a completed application until the board makes a decision is set forth below:~~

~~Minimum -165 days~~

~~Median -180 days~~

~~Maximum -190 days~~

~~These processing times apply to those candidates who take and pass the first available registration examination and who submit a complete application by the first available examination deadline.~~

~~NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code; Section 15376, Government Code. Reference: Section 15376, Government Code.~~

(9) Amend section 2020 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2020. Examination Appeal.

~~(a) Within forty-five (45) days after the date notice of the results of the examination has been given mailed to the applicant, an applicant who was unsuccessful in the California state board examination~~

or the registered veterinary technician examination may appeal to the Board for a review of his or her examination paper.

- (b) The appeal from any part of the examination shall be submitted in writing to the Board's principal office located at 1420 Howe Avenue, Suite 6, Sacramento, CA 95825-3228; and it shall state the specific reasons for such appeal, citing the item or items against which the appeal is directed.
- (c) The executive officer to the Board, may deny an appeal requesting a review of an examination that is not accompanied by information supporting the reasons for such request or is not filed within the appeal period stated in subsection (a).
- (d) Only appeals concerning the format of the examination, computer grading errors or conditions at the examination site will be considered by the Board.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4849, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4949, Business and Professions Code.

(10) Amend section 2023 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2023. Eligibility for Examinations — ~~Students and Graduates of Recognized Veterinary Colleges.~~

~~An applicant who is within six (6) months of his or her anticipated graduation from or is a graduate of a recognized veterinary college listed in section 2022 may apply to take the licensing examinations specified in section 2014.~~

Persons who meet the following criteria, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 2022, may apply to take the licensing examinations specified in Section 2014:

- (a) A graduate of a recognized veterinary college or a person who is within eight (8) months of his or her anticipated graduation from a recognized veterinary college.
- (b) A person from a non-recognized veterinary college who is within eight (8) months of graduation and 1) who is enrolled in the ECFVG or PAVE programs and 2) has passed the basic sciences examination requirements of the ECFVG or PAVE programs.
- (c) A graduate of non-recognized veterinary colleges who possess a certificate from either the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates ("ECFVG") program or the Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence ("PAVE").

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4848, Business and Professions Code.

(11) Amend section 2024 in Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

2024. ~~Graduates of Unrecognized Colleges — Eligibility for California State Board Examination~~
Education Requirement for Eligibility for Licensure.

~~An applicant who has graduated from a veterinary college not recognized by the Board, shall be eligible to take the California state board examination and the veterinary law examination when he or she takes and passes the national examination and possesses a certificate of educational equivalency. A certificate of educational equivalency shall be obtained from either (1) the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program ("ECFVG") as specified in its publication entitled "Information for Graduates of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine Outside the United States and Canada" or (2) the Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence ("PAVE") in effect on February 1, 2001.~~

In addition to the application requirements outlined in Section 2010, an applicant applying for licensure in California must submit the appropriate initial licensing application and fee and the following documentation:

- (a) Graduates of a recognized veterinary college must submit a diploma as proof of graduation.
- (b) Graduates of non-approved veterinary colleges must submit (1) a diploma and (2) a certificate of completion from either ECFVG or PAVE. Diplomas [submitted in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation into English.](#)

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808 and 4846.1, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 851, 4846.1, 4846.2 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.