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Renew Your License Early!

The Veterinary Medical Board is encouraging licensees to renew their license as soon as their renewal form is received. Due to staff shortages at the cashiering office in the Department of Consumer Affairs, renewals are taking approximately two (2) weeks to process and up to an additional four weeks (4) to receive the license in the mail. The mailing of the license renewal does not constitute a renewed license. A license is considered renewed once the Board has a record of the payment being posted in the computer system or physically received at the Board office.

Do not wait until the last minute to renew your license. Once the license is expired, you cannot practice veterinary medicine or order pharmaceuticals!



*Veterinarians - please remember to answer two questions when completing your renewal: 1. Item "A" or "B" relating to continuing education, and 2. Item "F" or "G" relating to prior convictions. Sign the form, date it, and return with payment. See **EXAMPLE** below.*

- A. I have completed 36 hours of approved CE within the last two years.
 - B. I have not completed the required hours of CE, and/or please renew my license with an "inactive status".
- Since you last renewed your license, have you been convicted or pled nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation, or had any disciplinary action taken against you by any licensing/regulatory agency in this or any other state? F. Yes ___ G. No ___
- I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
- D. Signature _____ Date _____

*Registered Veterinary Technicians - please remember to answer the question relating to prior convictions, sign and date the form and return with payment. See **EXAMPLE** below.*

- Since you last renewed your registration, have you been convicted or pled nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation, or had any disciplinary action taken against you by any licensing/regulatory agency in this or any other state? F. Yes ___ G. No ___
- I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
- D. Signature _____ Date _____

Put it in Writing

Have You Moved?

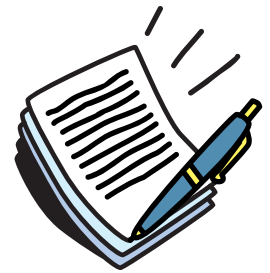
Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians are required to notify the Board of a new mailing address within 30 days of the change (Business & Professions Code Section 4852). This notification should be done in writing and can be mailed or faxed to the Board at 1420 Howe Ave, Ste 6, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 263-2621. No official form is necessary to submit this change. Please include your full name and license number with your address.

If this change occurs during the two year licensing period, no new license is mailed to the licensee. Your license, with the old address, remains valid until the expiration date on the license. However, if you would prefer another license be issued with the new address, please return the license with the old address, along with a \$10 check made payable to the Veterinary Medical Board and a revised replacement license will be ordered.

Name Change?

Persons requesting a name change should mail or fax this request in writing to the Board. The written request should include your full former name and full new name, along with your license number. It is also necessary to include a copy of a marriage license, divorce decree, **OR** a revised drivers license **AND** social security card, **OR** another legal document verifying the name change.

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Animal Injury Reporting Requirements for Rodeo Veterinarians

The California Penal Code, Section 596.7(d)(2) requires veterinarians providing health care services at professional rodeos, either as an attending or on-call veterinarian, to submit a brief written report to the Veterinary Medical Board within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo.

A report is required anytime an animal injury warrants veterinary medical care. The report should list the title and date of the rodeo, the name of the attending veterinarian, and a brief description of the injury. Three such reports have been made to date.

For questions about reporting requirements, contact the Veterinary Medical Board or the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association at 719-528-4794.

Reminder!

Ambulatory Practitioners

Mobile and ambulatory practices must have a valid premises permit with the VMB. The cost is \$100 a year and must be renewed annually on May 15. Premises permit applications are available by calling the office at (866) 229-0170. Press the # key and leave your name and address where the application should be sent.

Separate Surgery Room Requirement Took Effect January 1, 2004

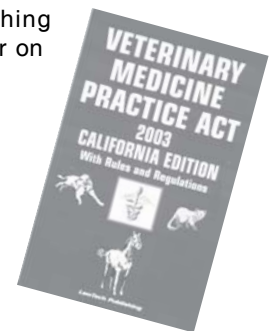
Effective January 1, 2004, all fixed (non-mobile) veterinary premises are required to have a separate and distinct surgery room for aseptic surgeries. Hospital Inspectors will be verifying compliance with the law beginning in 2004.

Check the Board's website for further information on the separate surgery room requirement.

Veterinary Medicine Practice Act

This publication contains laws from the Business & Professions Code, the California Code of Regulations, the Health & Safety Code and various other references pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine. It includes a comprehensive index, and the Radiation Safety Guide and self test.

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