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### MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 4, 2023
то	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Timothy Rodda, Administration/Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 16.B. Examination/Licensing Report

#### **Examination Updates**

International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

On <u>February 9, 2023</u>, the ICVA sent out a request for nominations for open positions on their Assessment Development Committee. The request were specifically for experts in the Bovine – Dairy, Small Ruminant, Exotic Companion Animal and Poultry areas.

On <u>March 19, 2023</u>, the ICVA announced the 2022 ICVA Assessment Grant Winners. The winning proposal was "Holistic admissions review: A tool to predict early performance in veterinary school including use of novel indicators." All three investigators were from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine.

On March 29, 2023, the ICVA released the latest edition of their newsletter – Veterinary Assessment in Focus. The newsletter includes an update from their CEO, Dr. Heather Case. Additionally, there is an introduction to the Veterinary Educational Assessment (VEA), an examination developed by the ICVA and used as a benchmark to measure knowledge of veterinary students in five areas - anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, microbiology, and pathology. The VEA is designed to give students a snapshot of their current knowledge and provide insight into areas they can continue to grow. The newsletter also congratulated the 2022 Assessment Grant Winners from Ross University. The ICVA reiterated the importance of examination security for the NAVLE and reminds candidates the importance of not participating in compromising testing behaviors. Development of the ICVA's new progress test, tentatively named the Assessment for Learning in Veterinary Education (ALIVE) was announced. ALIVE would be a new tool that would help measure learning across content areas as veterinary students advance within their program. The ICVA is seeking to pilot this with several schools that have expressed interest. The newsletter concluded with examination updates on the NAVLE, Veterinary Educational Assessment, Series Specific Examinations, and the Wisconsin Laws and Rules Examination.

On <u>March 30, 2023</u>, the ICVA announced their Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Heather Case, was elected to the vice chair of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) Veterinary Medicine Academy. The NAP is an interprofessional nonprofit organization that was founded in 1981 whose work is to promote accessible and affordable healthcare for all through patient advocacy, interprofessional collaboration, and model excellence in inclusive preventative care.

### Licensing Updates

#### Continuing Education (CE) Audits

There Board audits 5% of its current active population (those who renew and indicate they have completed the CE requirement) each month and from the period of July through February, a total of 242 licensees were audited. Of those selected for the audit, 59 were non-compliant. The Board is currently working on corrective actions for those licensees who are out of compliance, the result of which may be administrative action. Beginning in April, Board staff will expand the audits to include RVTs. Licensees are encouraged to utilize the AAVSB's CE tracking program RACEtrack.

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

The Board primarily made internal updates to BreEZe in the past quarter. The changes included updating enforcement related codes and descriptions, which allows the Board to track case closures more accurately. Application queues were updated and clarified to ensure applications are directed to appropriate staff and applications, such as military and asylum, are appropriately expedited. Coinciding with this update was a requirement that the applicant upload the required documentation to justify expediting – such as discharge paperwork from the military. The courtesy email notification was updated to send when changes were made to an application, informing candidates of the remaining deficiencies.

#### 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.

#### Performance Measures

#### Applications

When compared with the third quarter from FY 21/22, Board applications decreased slightly. The Board received with significantly fewer (from 528 to 219) veterinarian applications, a decrease in university veterinarian applications (from 18 to 12), a decrease in RVT applications (from 306 to 251), an increase in veterinary premises applications (from 108 to 187), and an increase in VACSP applications (from 511 to 729). With three quarters complete last year, the Board received 1,026 veterinarian applications, 41 university veterinarian applications, 779 RVT applications, 313 premises applications, and 1,497 VACSP applications. As shown in the Summary of Applications Activity, each of the application types increased, except the veterinarian applications, which had a large decrease, and RVTs which had a slight decrease.

The Board anticipated receiving fewer veterinarian applications due to the efficiency change with the application process (going from two applications to one) and the elimination of the temporary reciprocity and intern license types. Additionally, the Board saw a significant increase in veterinarian applications in the third quarter of FY 21/22 due to the change in requirements for licensure. The Board anticipates an increase in veterinarian applications to coincide with graduation. As seen in the chart below, RVT applications follow a cyclical increase and decrease that generally coincides with examination testing. RVT applicants are encouraged to only apply after they have met all requirements for licensure.

	S	ummary	of A	pplic	ation	Act	ivity						
Applications Ressived	FY 20/21	FY 21/22					FY 22	2/23					
Applications Received	Total	Total Total July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar YTD											
VET	1,528	1,387	79	70	41	24	26	29	59	56	104	488	
UNIV	42	55	18	11	11	5	9	1	3	1	8	67	
RVT	952	1,039	63	163	79	68	36	109	118	55	78	769	
HSP	358												
VACSP	1,881	2,095	159	225	182	195	199	183	274	195	260	1,872	

#### <u>Licenses</u>

When compared with the third quarter from FY 21/22, Board issued more licenses overall. Board veterinarian licenses decreased (from 187 to 84), university veterinarian licenses increased (from 3 to 6), RVT registrations increased (from 202 to 321), premises registrations increased (from 90 to 161), and VACSP registrations increased (from 537 to 655). With three quarters complete in FY 21/22, the Board issued 488 veterinarian licenses, 21 university veterinarian licenses, 500 RVT registrations, 226 premises registrations, and 1,048 VACSPs.

The Board expected the decrease in veterinarian licenses when compared to this point last quarter as applicants were informed of the anticipated changes (elimination of the state examination and reciprocity courses) to veterinary licensure and many waited until the new changes were in effect to complete licensure. The quarter comparison increase for RVT licensure coincides with the RVT testing window and processing the applications received when the December examination results were received. When compared to the total issued from last year, the number of RVT registrations has increased. The number of VACSPs issued has increased overall which may continue to be due to the efficiencies in the VACSP application processing and additional seasonal work.

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Licenses and	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23									
Registrations Issued	Total	Total	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
VET	694	806	95	104	51	32	30	21	21	34	29	417
UNIV	23	33	0	5	5	3	3	0	4	1	1	22
RVT	748	706	43	46	141	44	20	7	144	53	124	622
HSP	345	399	44	58	26	15	21	22	97	17	47	347
VACSP	1,508	1,633	127	239	180	131	151	199	253	171	231	1,682

Additional licensing performance measures can be found through DCA's Interactive Data Portal <u>here</u>.

Li	Licensee Population										
	as of April 2021	as of April 1, 2022	as of April 4, 2023								
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	15,142/12,344	15,521/12,990	15,989/13,048								
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	11,318	11,571	11,087								
University Veterinarian*/** 152/122 174/126 208/133											
RVT Registrations*/**	10,000/7,540	10,369/8,136	10,913/8,309								
RVT Registrations – California**	8,635	8,807	7,870								
Premises Registrations*/**	4,236/3,728	4,240/3,738	4,441/3,901								
Premises Registrations – Exempt**	99	105	109								
VACSPs*/** 7,987/4,927 9,545/5,684 11,763/6,738											
*includes delinquent, inactive, and clear licensees; **clear licensees											

Attachments: 1. VMB Monthly Application Statistics – Individual Transactions Report



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BREEZE SYSTEM VMB Monthly Application Statistics - Individual Transactions From Jul 1, 2022 to Mar 31, 2023



	2022						2023		FY	
Veterinarian Initial License Application	Quar	ter 1		Quar	ter 2		Quar	ter 3		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online	9	12	3	3	1	1	1	0	3	33
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	19	14	7	3	3	2	2	0	1	51
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	13	11	6	5	3	2	1	1	3	3
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	9	4	6	12	21	0	0	N/A	0	7

	2022						2023	FY		
Veterinarian Licensure Application	Quar	ter 1		Quar	ter 2		Quar	ter 3		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Received Online	70	58	38	23	23	28	53	54	100	447
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Approved Online	76	90	44	29	27	19	19	34	27	365
Pending Paper	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pending Online	215	128	107	100	90	99	133	153	219	219
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	13	13	8	6	7	4	6	15	10	11



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	2022						2023	FY		
Veterinarian Renewal Application	Q1			Q2			Q3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper Volume	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Received Online Volume	522	544	465	602	504	530	604	450	495	4,716
Approved Paper Volume	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Approved Online Volume	521	549	466	600	507	527	564	455	478	4,667
Pending Paper Volume	15	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Pending Online Volume	102	97	95	97	94	97	136	131	133	133
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	13	46	N/A	197	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	1

	2022						2023	FY		
<b>RVT Licensure Application</b>	Quar	ter 1		Quar	ter 2		Quar	ter 3		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5
Received Online	61	156	74	63	32	105	111	54	77	733
Approved Paper	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	5
Approved Online	42	46	141	42	20	7	143	52	124	617
Pending Paper	9	8	8	6	6	5	4	0	1	1
Pending Online	409	489	405	409	407	492	431	396	311	311
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	2	2	1	0	0	6	10	4	13	6



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<b>RVT Renewal Application</b>	Q1			Q2			Q3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper Volume	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Received Online Volume	347	355	285	362	313	290	317	279	356	2,904
Approved Paper Volume	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
Approved Online Volume	344	359	284	361	314	291	315	278	333	2,879
Pending Paper Volume	11	10	10	10	11	11	9	9	8	8
Pending Online Volume	81	77	78	79	78	74	76	77	74	74
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	76	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92	N/A	14	58
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	0	7	2

	202	2					2023	FY		
<b>Premises Application</b>	Qua	arter 1		Quar	ter 2		Quar			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Received Online	57	45	29	24	30	23	102	28	57	395
Approved Paper	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Approved Online	43	58	26	15	21	21	97	17	47	345
Pending Paper	7	7	7	7	7	3	3	2	0	0
Pending Online	45	29	29	33	41	37	42	44	49	49
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	18
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	1



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	2022						2023	FY		
Premises Renewal Application	Q1			Q2			Q3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper Volume	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Received Online Volume	199	124	109	100	103	116	177	277	965	2,170
Approved Paper Volume	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Approved Online Volume	201	123	110	100	103	116	175	277	944	2,149
Pending Paper Volume	6	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Pending Online Volume	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	12	12
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	96	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	90
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	2022						2023	FY		
VACSP Application	Quar	ter 1		Quar	ter 2		Quar			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	0	4	2	5	5	1	0	2	1	20
Received Online	160	221	173	190	185	171	269	192	259	1,820
Approved Paper	2	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	0	22
Approved Online	125	236	177	127	147	195	252	170	228	1,657
Pending Paper	16	14	16	12	12	9	8	6	6	6
Pending Online	636	581	558	465	475	429	430	437	442	442
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	0	25	17	1	0	3	71	2	N/A	10
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	3	4	5	5	8	8	1	3	5



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					FY					
VACSP Renewal Application	Q1			Q2			Q3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper Volume	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online Volume	214	231	200	157	172	203	260	206	226	1,869
Approved Paper Volume	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Online Volume	222	224	200	154	176	209	261	210	221	1,877
Pending Paper Volume	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
Pending Online Volume	46	53	53	56	53	47	45	40	38	38
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A									
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	0	9	6	2	3	1	7	7	4

University License Initial Application	2022 2023									FY
	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online	17	5	1	4	3	0	1	1	8	40
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	3	17	0	0	4	2	0	1	6	33
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	15	2	0	4	2	0	1	1	3	3
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	4	8	N/A	N/A	8	8	N/A	7	16	9



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University License Licensure Application	2022 2023									
	Quar	ter 1		Quar	Quarter 2			Quarter 3		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online	1	6	10	1	6	1	2	0	0	27
Approved Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved Online	0	5	5	3	3	0	4	1	1	22
Pending Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Online	1	2	4	2	5	6	4	3	2	2
Average Paper Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Average Online Cycle Time (In Days)	N/A	3	1	5	4	N/A	7	0	0	3
University License Renewal Application	2022 2023								FY	
	Q1			Q2			Q3			
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Received Paper Volume	Jul 0	Aug 0	Sep 0	Oct 0	Nov 0	Dec 0	Jan 0	Feb 0	Mar 0	Total 0
Received Paper Volume Received Online Volume	-						-			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online Volume	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Received Online Volume Approved Paper Volume	0 6 0	0 4 0	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 28 0
Received Online Volume Approved Paper Volume Approved Online Volume	0 6 0 6	0 4 0 4	0 3 0 3	0 2 0 2	0 3 0 3	0 3 0 3	0 3 0 3	0 1 0 1	0 3 0 3	0 28 0 28
Received Online Volume Approved Paper Volume Approved Online Volume Pending Paper Volume	0 6 0 6 0	0 4 0 4 0	0 3 0 3 0	0 2 0 2 0	0 3 0 3 0	0 3 0 3 0	0 3 0 3 0	0 1 0 1 1 0	0 3 0 3 0	0 28 0 28 0