

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 9, 2025
<b>TO</b>	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Alicia Hernandez, Examination/Licensing Unit Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item 17.B. Examination/Licensing Report

### **Examination Updates**

#### **International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)**

The ICVA administers the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). ICVA's mission is to provide world-class examinations and other assessment tools to protect the public, and animal health and welfare.

Since the last Board meeting, ICVA has disseminated the following announcements:

#### **[ICVA Delegation Traveling to UK – May 8, 2026](#)**

##### **[News and Updates | ICVA](#)**

ICVA volunteers and staff will be traveling to the United Kingdom for a series of meetings with UK veterinary stakeholder groups.

#### **[ICVA 2025 Assessment Grant Program – Now OPEN – April 1, 2025](#)**

The ICVA grant program, overseen by the ICVA Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee (AVAC) on behalf of the ICVA Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the 2025 grant program with up to three grant award opportunities of \$10,000 USD. The purpose of an ICVA assessment grant is to validate current, discover new, implement and support best practices in assessment in veterinary medical education. This includes assessment of students, instructors, and programs.

#### **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)**

The AAVSB administers the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). The AAVSB's mission is to support and advance the regulation of veterinary medicine.

Since the last Board meeting, the AAVSB disseminated the following announcement:

### **The AAVSB Releases Considerations for the Use of AI in Veterinary Medicine – April 21, 2025**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards, in conjunction with volunteer working groups comprised of subject matter experts, regulatory board members and staff, private practitioners, and industry leaders has produced this white paper: “Regulatory Considerations of the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine.”

This paper examines the regulatory considerations of AI use in veterinary medicine. While AI and other emerging technologies become more widely adopted, the need arises for clear guidance from regulatory bodies on their responsible use to protect Patients and the public.

### **The AAVSB Announces Latest Recipients of 2025 VTNE Program Director’s Award – May 19, 2025**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) announces the latest recipients of the 2025 Veterinary Technician National Examination® Program Director’s Award. The faculty of the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Education and Activities (AVMA-CVTEA) and Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) accredited veterinary technology/nursing programs present this award. Every year, one graduating student receives the award, which covers the cost of the VTNE exam.

### **The AAVSB Announces Recipient of 2025 VTNE Celebrating Diversity Award – May 21, 2025.**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) announces the 2025 VTNE Celebrating Diversity Award recipient. Congratulations to Taja Miller, a third-year student entering her final semester of the Vermillion Veterinary Technician program.

The Veterinary Technician National Examination® Celebrating Diversity Award is presented to one graduating veterinary technology/nursing minority student who has been traditionally underrepresented in the veterinary technician profession. The award recipient is selected based on their commitment to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as treating everyone with respect and dignity.

### **The AAVSB Announces Launch of New Website – June 4, 2025**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is proud to announce the launch of its newly redesigned website, offering a more user-friendly experience, enhanced accessibility, and new features to better serve its community.

The updated website introduces several improvements, including:

- About AAVSB Page – Providing an easier way to learn more about its mission and organization
- Password-protected Member Boards Section – A dedicated space for members to access exclusive content
- Search Field (3 locations), making it easier to find relevant information in less time
- Events & Webinar Page – A hub for upcoming events, webinars, and networking opportunities

## **Licensing Updates**

### **Renewal Postcard**

Beginning in June 2025, the Board updated its license renewal notice to be fully encompassed on a postcard. The postcard provides a QR code that can be scanned and takes the licensee directly to BreEZe to login and renew their license. If the licensee requires fingerprint submission as a condition to renew, the postcard provides notification of the requirement. A copy of the renewal postcard is attached for reference.

### **Board Applications Received**

The Board received a total of 4,257 license applications across all license types in Fiscal Year (FY) 24/25. Compared to those received in FY 23/24, there was a decrease of approximately 400 applications received.

The most significant decline was 300 less applications received for veterinary assistant controlled substance permit (VACSP). Although the total number of applications received decreased, the Board received almost 100 more applications for veterinarians in FY 24/25 compared to FY 23/24.

Overall, the number of applications received through Q4 24/25 decreased by approximately comparing to Q4 of FY 23/24.

### **Licenses, Registrations, and Permits Issued**

The Board issued 3,759 licenses, registrations, and permits in FY 24/25. That equates to a slight decrease compared to the number issued in FY 23/24, which was 3,884.

Despite a decline of licenses, registrations, and permits issued overall, the Board issued more veterinarian licenses in FY 24/25 (906) than it has in the prior three FYs. Similar to applications received, the most significant decline in licenses, registrations, and permits issued was seen by VACSPs, with approximately 150 less issued.

### **Applications Pending**

The Board's pending applications at the conclusion of FY 24/25 across all license types was 584. That represents a decrease in pending applications by approximately 35% comparing to the number of pending applications at the end of FY 23/24, which was 888.

### License Population

Concluding data analysis from FY 24/25, the Board's total license population increased to 48,055 at the conclusion of the FY. Compared to 46,325 at the conclusion of FY 23/24, the Board's licensee population increased by approximately 2,000 licensees.

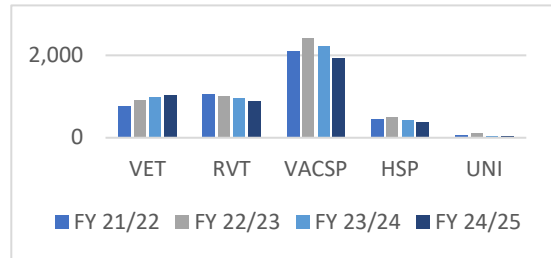
### **Attachments**

1. Licensing Statistics
2. Renewal Postcard

# Licensing Statistics

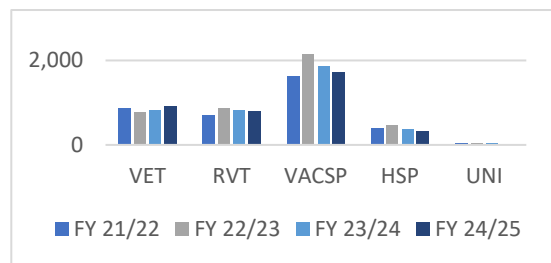
## Applications Received

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
<b>VET</b>	754	903	984	1,040
<b>RVT</b>	1,045	1,017	968	885
<b>VACSP</b>	2,092	2,418	2,221	1,939
<b>HSP</b>	444	507	423	368
<b>UNI</b>	56	94	43	25
<b>Total</b>	4,391	4,939	4,639	4,257



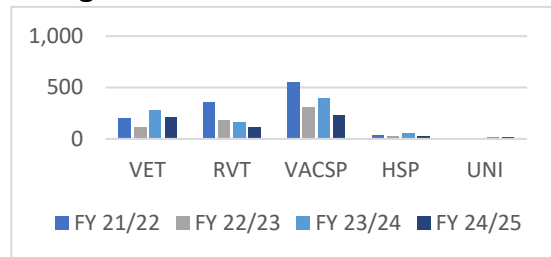
## Licenses Issued

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
<b>VET</b>	870	765	813	906
<b>RVT</b>	706	872	815	787
<b>VACSP</b>	1,633	2,135	1,866	1,709
<b>HSP</b>	399	459	364	334
<b>UNI</b>	33	33	26	23
<b>Total</b>	3,641	4,264	3,884	3,759



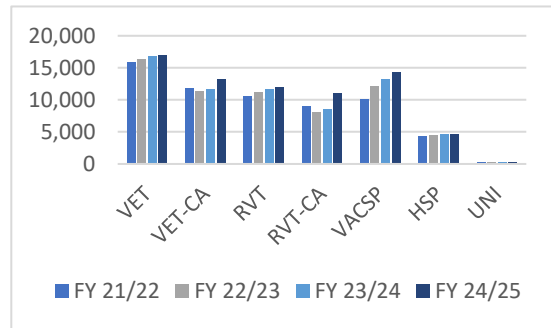
## Applications Pending

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
<b>VET</b>	204	113	273	210
<b>RVT</b>	357	181	159	110
<b>VACSP</b>	547	303	392	233
<b>HSP</b>	30	27	52	20
<b>UNI</b>	0	0	12	11
<b>Total</b>	1,138	624	888	584



## Licensee Population\*

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
<b>VET</b>	15,817	16,264	16,711	16,977
<b>VET-CA</b>	11,709	11,277	11,588	13,199
<b>RVT</b>	10,516	11,105	11,687	11,976
<b>RVT-CA</b>	8,934	8,009	8,462	10,981
<b>VACSP</b>	10,124	12,108	13,121	14,241
<b>HSP</b>	4,288	4,446	4,559	4,603
<b>UNI</b>	186	219	247	258
<b>Total**</b>	40,931	44,142	46,325	48,055



\*Includes current active, current inactive, and expired.

\*\*Excludes CA-only rows

## Application Processing Times

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