



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	April 3, 2026
<b>TO</b>	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Andrea Amaya-Torres, Administration and Licensing Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item 15.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:

### [Assessment Development Committee Nominations Are Open](#)

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) is seeking nominations for four open positions on its Assessment Development Committee (ADC), with terms beginning June 2026. The open roles are for subject-matter experts in Bovine–Dairy, Exotic Companion Animals, Poultry, and Small Ruminants. Nominees should have experience in one of these areas within private clinical practice or veterinary school settings.

Nominations are due by April 3, 2026. Interested individuals or organizations may nominate candidates, and self-nominations are allowed. Additional details, including the nomination letter, form, and qualification requirements, are available through ICVA. Questions may be directed to Valerie Goddard at [vgoddard@icva.net](mailto:vgoddard@icva.net).

### [ICVA Office Closure](#)

The ICVA office was closed on April 3, 2026.

### [American Association of State Boards \(AAVSB\) Announcements](#)

The AAVSB administers the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). The AAVSB’s mission is AAVSB’s leadership and comprehensive resources support and advance veterinary medicine regulation.

## **Building Trust Through Science: AAVSB's Perspective on Animal Vaccination**

The AAVSB emphasizes the importance of addressing vaccine hesitancy through a One Health approach, recognizing the interconnected health of people, animals, and the environment. Vaccination remains one of the most effective tools for preventing disease in animals and reducing zoonotic disease transmission. Rabies is highlighted as a key example, with vaccination credited for keeping human cases extremely low in the U.S. and Canada.

The AAVSB acknowledges that some animal owners may have concerns about vaccines. It encourages veterinarians to engage in open, evidence-based discussions within a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship. Vaccines used in veterinary medicine are rigorously tested, monitored, and supported by scientific consensus. Clear communication, active listening, and the use of credible information help address hesitancy and support informed decision-making.

The AAVSB stresses that adherence to evidence-based vaccination schedules and awareness of local or legal requirements help maintain trust between veterinarians and the public, ultimately supporting the health of animals, people, and communities.

## **Licensing Updates**

### **Board Applications Received**

During Quarter 3 (Q3) Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26, the Board received a total of 1,054 applications across all license types. Compared to Q2 FY 25/26, the Board received 193 total more applications.

The number of veterinarian applications received during Q3 25/26 increased by 139 , with 275 received compared to 136 during Q2 25/26. The number of registered veterinary technician (RVT) applications received this quarter saw no significant deviation with 183 received, compared to 184 received during Q2. The number of veterinary assistance controlled substance permit (VACS) applications increased by 41, with 507 received, compared to 466 received in Q2.

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

The Board issued a total of 813 licenses, permits, and registrations during Q3 FY 25/26. That represents an increase in issued licenses, registrations, and permits by 114 compared to the total issued in Q2.

Comparing individual license, registration, and permit data from Q3 FY 25/26 to Q2, the Board issued slightly more veterinarian (151 compared to 105) licenses and VACS permits (467 compared to 372). However, the Board issued less RVT registrations (134 compared to 152) and veterinary premises registrations (58 compared to 68).

### Applications Pending

At the beginning of FY 25/26, the Board had 584 total paid applications pending and there are currently 711 paid applications pending. Compared to the number of applications pending at the end of the previous quarter, the Board's number of pending applications increased by 132.

### License Population

The Board's total license population continues to grow. The license population increased to 48,681 during Q3 FY 25/26, compared to 48,417 at the end of Q2.

### **Attachments**

1. Licensing Statistics

# Licensing Statistics

Applications Received	FY 25/26								
	22/23	23/24	24/25	Q1	Q2	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
VET	903	984	1,040	164	300	54	76	145	575
RVT	1,017	968	885	212	396	69	47	67	579
VACSP	2,418	2,221	1,939	495	961	166	171	170	1468
HSP	507	423	368	110	185	33	24	28	270
UNI	94	43	25	4	4	1	2	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,939</b>	<b>4,639</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1846</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>2900</b>

Licenses Issued	FY 25/26								
	22/23	23/24	24/25	Q1	Q2	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
VET	765	813	906	225	330	56	41	54	481
RVT	872	815	787	200	352	37	49	48	486
VACSP	2,135	1,866	1,709	380	752	117	167	183	1219
HSP	459	364	334	95	163	20	25	13	221
UNI	33	26	23	11	13	0	0	3	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,264</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>2423</b>

Applications Pending	FY 25/26								
	22/23	23/24	24/25	Q1	Q2	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
VET	113	273	210	120	139	143	166	248	248
RVT	181	159	110	74	106	118	113	130	130
VACSP	303	392	233	251	303	318	307	280	280
HSP	27	52	20	26	30	39	37	51	51
UNI	0	12	11	4	1	2	5	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>711</b>

Licensee Population*	FY 25/26								
	22/23	23/24	24/25	Q1	Q2	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
VET	16,264	16,711	16,977	17,048	16,961	16,973	16,972	16,982	16,982
VET-CA	12,430	12,848	13,199	13,552	13,307	13,324	13,344	13,347	13,347
RVT	11,105	11,687	11,976	12,054	12,064	12,061	12,064	12,073	12,073
RVT-CA	10,055	10,628	10,981	11,256	11,108	11,108	11,113	11,121	11,121
VACSP	12,108	13,121	14,241	14,335	14,425	14,459	14,546	14,651	14,651
HSP	4,446	4,559	4,603	4,662	4,699	4,705	4,707	4,707	4,707
UNI	219	247	258	264	268	266	265	268	268
<b>Total**</b>	<b>44,142</b>	<b>46,325</b>	<b>48,055</b>	<b>48,363</b>	<b>48,417</b>	<b>48,464</b>	<b>48,554</b>	<b>48,681</b>	<b>48,681</b>

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

\*\*Excludes CA-only rows

## Application Processing Times