

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

VETERINARY MEDICINE - GENERAL RULES

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(By authority conferred on the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145 **and 18813** of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145 and **MCL 333.18813**, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. **1991-9** ~~1996-1~~, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, ~~MCL 330.3101~~ **338.3501**, MCL 445.2001, **MCL 445.2011**, and **MCL 445.2030**)

R 338.4902, R 338.4903, R 338.4906, R 338.4908, R 338.4914a, and R 338.4915 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended, and R 338.4931 and R 338.4933 are added to the Code, to read as follows:

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.4902 Licensure by examination; requirements.

Rule 2. An applicant for a Michigan veterinary license by examination shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the ~~requisite~~ **required** fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code, and the administrative rules promulgated ~~pursuant to~~ **under** the code, an applicant shall ~~meet~~ **satisfy** both of the following requirements:

(a) Have satisfied one of the following educational requirements:

(i) Graduated from a ~~board-approved~~ veterinary college **that satisfies the requirements of R 338.4908**.

(ii) Obtained a certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

(iii) Obtained a certificate from the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

(b) ~~Have Achieved a passing score of pass on the examination adopted in R 338.4903.~~ **Have achieved a passing score of pass on the examination adopted in R 338.4903.** ~~North American Veterinary Licensing Examination developed by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.~~

R 338.4903 Examinations; approval and adoption.

Rule 3. The board approves and adopts the North American ~~Veterinary~~ **Licensing Examination (NAVLE)** developed by the ~~national board of veterinary medical examiners~~ **International Council for Veterinary Assessment or its predecessor organization.**

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R 338.4906 Licensure by endorsement; requirements.

Rule 6. (1) An applicant for a Michigan veterinary license by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department **together** with the ~~requisite~~ **required** fee. An applicant shall meet the requirements of the code, and the administrative rules promulgated ~~pursuant to~~ **under** the code, **and shall satisfy the following requirements:**

~~(2) An applicant shall have satisfied one of the following requirements:~~

(a) Possess current licensure as a veterinarian in another state of the United States.

(b) Have achieved a passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.4903 if the applicant has not been licensed as a veterinarian in another state for a minimum of 5 years.

(c) Have satisfied 1 of the following requirements:

~~(a i)~~ **Graduated from a board-approved veterinary college that satisfies R 338.4908.**

~~(b ii)~~ **Obtained a certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association.**

~~(e iii)~~ **Obtained a certificate from the Program of the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards AAVSB.**

~~(3) If the applicant was first licensed in another state of the United States and engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for a minimum of 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for Michigan veterinary licensure, it is presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16186(1)(a) of the code, MCL 333.16186(1)(a).~~

~~(4) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of subrule (3) of this rule, the applicant shall have been first licensed in another state of the United States after he or she achieved a score of pass on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination developed by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.~~

~~(5 2) In addition to meeting the requirements of either subrule (3) or (4) of this rule, t~~The applicant's license **shall must** be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a veterinarian., ~~which~~ **Verification** includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed ~~upon~~ **against** the applicant.

R 338.4908 Approval of veterinary colleges; adoption of standards.

Rule 8. (1) The board approves and adopts ~~herein~~ by reference the standards for Accrediting Colleges of Veterinary Medicine adopted by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education entitled "Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Council on Education", ~~March 2014 (revised September 2014)~~ **May 2017, revised September 2017.**

(2) The standards for Accrediting Colleges of Veterinary Medicine adopted by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education may be obtained, at no cost, from the American Veterinary Medical Association, 1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173 or at the association's website at <http://www.avma.org>. A copy of the handbook is available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Veterinary Medicine, **Bureau of Professional Licensing**, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

R 338.4914a Educational limited licenses.

Rule 14a. (1) An applicant for an educational limited license shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the ~~requisite~~ **required** fee. In addition to ~~meeting~~ **satisfying** the requirements of the code, and the administrative rules promulgated ~~pursuant to~~ **under** the code, an applicant shall ~~meet~~ **satisfy** both of the following requirements:

(a) ~~Have Achieved a passing score of pass on the North American veterinary licensing examination developed by the national board of veterinary medical examiners~~ **examination adopted in R 338.4903.**

(b) ~~Be Admitted as a student to a postgraduate~~ **post-DVM** training program at a college of veterinary medicine ~~approved by the board~~ **that satisfies R 338.4908.**

(2) The holder of an educational limited license shall not do either of the following:

(a) Engage in the practice of veterinary medicine outside of his or her postgraduate training program in the college of veterinary medicine approved by the board for the training.

(b) Hold himself or herself out to the public as being engaged in the private practice of veterinary medicine.

R 338.4915 Relicensure.

Rule 15. (1) An applicant for relicensure, whose license has been lapsed for less than 3 years under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201(3), may be relicensed after submitting a completed application on a form provided by the department with the requisite fee. The applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a veterinarian. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed upon the applicant. **preceding the date of application for relicensure, may be relicensed if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:**

(a) **Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.**

(b) **Establishes that he or she is of good moral character.**

(c) **Submits proof to the department of accumulating not less than 45 hours of continuing education that satisfy the requirements of R 338.4933.**

(2) An applicant for relicensure whose license has been lapsed for 3 years or more under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201(3), may be relicensed after submitting a completed application on a form provided by the department with the requisite fee and satisfying either of the following requirements **preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:**

(a) **Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.**

(b) **Establishes that he or she is of good moral character.**

(c) **Submits fingerprints as set forth in section 16174(3) of the code, MCL 333.16174(3).**

(d) **Satisfies either of the following requirements:**

(a) ~~If the applicant had been licensed in another state of the United States and had legally engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine within the 3-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for relicensure, then the applicant's license shall be verified, on a form~~

provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a veterinarian. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed upon the applicant.

(b) If the applicant had not engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine within the 3-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for relicensure, then the applicant shall do both of the following:

(i) Have his or her licensure verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as veterinarian, which includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed upon the applicant.

(ii) (i) Take or retake the North American Veterinary License Examination developed by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) Achieves a passing score on the examination adopted in R 338.4903 within 3 years preceding the application for relicensure. and achieve a score of pass as recommended by the NBVME.

(ii) Satisfies both of the following requirements:

(A) Presents evidence to the department that he or she held an active veterinarian license in another state at any time during the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

(B) Submits proof to the department of accumulating not less than 45 hours of continuing education that satisfy the requirements of R 338.4933.

(3) An applicant shall have his or her license verified by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds or has ever held a license as a veterinarian. Verification includes, but is not limited to, the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

R 338.4931 License renewal; continuing education.

Rule 31. (1) This rule applies to an application for renewal of a veterinarian license that is filed for the renewal cycle beginning January 1, 2020.

(2) An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal shall have completed at least 45 hours of continuing education that satisfy the requirements of R 338.4933 in the 3 years preceding the application for renewal.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal constitutes the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. The department may require a licensee to submit evidence to demonstrate compliance with this rule.

(4) The licensee shall retain documentation of satisfying the requirements of this rule for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code, MCL 333.16221(h).

R 338.4933 Acceptable continuing education; requirements; limitations.

Rule 33. (1) The 45 hours of continuing education required pursuant to R 338.4931(2) for the renewal of a veterinarian license must satisfy all of the following:

(a) No more than 12 hours are earned during one 24-hour period.

(b) Credit for a continuing education program or activity that is identical or substantially identical to a program or activity for which the licensee has already earned credit during the renewal period is not granted.

(c) A minimum of 30 hours of continuing education is scientific in nature. Scientific in nature includes the science of diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease as it relates directly to a patient or topics such as public veterinary practice, epidemiology, food safety, public health, animal welfare, or antimicrobial stewardship.

(d) A minimum of 1 hour shall relate to medical records.

(e) A minimum of 1 hour shall relate to state veterinary law and/or federal or state controlled substance laws.

(f) A minimum of 10 hours shall be completed live and in-person.

(g) No more than 15 hours shall be earned collectively for activities (2)c-h.

(2) The following is acceptable continuing education:

Activity Code	Activity and Proof of Completion	Number of continuing education hours granted/permitted
a	<p>Attendance at or participation in a continuing education program or activity related to the practice of veterinary medicine or any non-clinical subject relevant to the practice of veterinary medicine, education, administration, management, or science which includes, but is not limited to, live, in-person programs; interactive or monitored teleconferences; audio-conferences; web-based programs; online programs; or journal articles or other self-study programs approved or offered by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAVSB Registry of Continuing Education (RACE). • American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). • World Veterinary Association (WVA). • Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). • A state veterinary board of another state. • Local, state, or regional professional organization. • Member institution of the Association of the American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC). • AVMA constituent allied organizations and recognized veterinary specialty organizations. • Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). 	<p>The number of continuing education hours for a specific program or activity is the number of hours approved by the sponsor or approving organization for the specific program or activity.</p>

	<p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of continuing education hours earned, the sponsor's name or the name organization that approved the activity, and the date on which the program was held or the activity completed.</p>	
b	<p>Attendance at or participation in a continuing education program or activity related to the practice of veterinary profession which includes but is not limited to: live, in-person programs; interactive or monitored teleconferences; audio-conferences; web-based programs; online programs; and journal articles or other self-study programs, approved or offered by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Medical Association. • Michigan State Medical Society. • Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. • American Osteopathic Association. • Michigan Osteopathic Association. • Michigan Pharmacy Association. • Educational courses offered by regionally accredited colleges and universities relating to the husbandry of food producing animals. <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of continuing education hours earned, the sponsor's name or the name of the organization that approved the activity, and the date on which the program was held or the activity completed.</p>	<p>The number of continuing education hours for a specific activity or program is the number of hours approved by the sponsor or approving organization for the specific program or activity. A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
c	<p>Initial presentation of a continuing education program related to the veterinary profession.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation must not be part of the licensee's regular job description and must be approved or offered for continuing education by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAVSB – RACE. • AVMA. • WVA. 	<p>Two hours of continuing education is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of presentation. No additional credit is granted for the preparation of the presentation. A maximum of 6 hours of continuing education may be earned</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVMA. • A state veterinary board of another state. • American Medical Association. • Michigan State Medical Society. • Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. • American Osteopathic Association. • Michigan Osteopathic Association. • Michigan Pharmacy Association. • Member institution of the AAVMC. • AVMA constituent allied organizations and recognized veterinary specialty organizations. • Educational courses offered by regionally accredited colleges and universities relating to the husbandry of food producing animals. • CDC. <p>Initial presentation of a scientific exhibit, poster, paper, or clinical demonstration to a veterinary medicine or veterinary technician program.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation must not be part of the licensee’s regular job description.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the document presented with evidence of the presentation or a letter from the program sponsor verifying the length and date of the presentation.</p>	<p>for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
<p>d</p>	<p>Initial publication of an article related to the practice of veterinary profession in a peer-reviewed journal.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>Five hours of continuing education is granted for serving as the primary author. Two hours of continuing education is granted for serving as the secondary author. A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
<p>e</p>	<p>Initial publication of a chapter related to the practice of veterinary profession in a professional or peer-reviewed text book.</p>	<p>Five hours of continuing education is granted for serving as the primary</p>

	<p>If audited, the licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>author. Two hours of continuing education is granted for serving as a secondary author. A maximum of 15 hours of continuing education may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
f	<p>Service as a clinical instructor for veterinary students engaged in an educational program that satisfies the requirements of R 338.4908.</p> <p>To receive credit, the clinical instructorship must not be the licensee's primary employment function.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit proof of scheduled instructional hours and a letter from the program director verifying the licensee's role.</p>	<p>Two hours of continuing education is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of scheduled instruction. Additional credit for preparation of a lecture is not to be granted. A maximum of 15 hours may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
g	<p>Participation on a state or national committee, board, council, or association related to the veterinary profession. A committee, board, council, or association is considered acceptable by the board if it enhances the participant's knowledge and understanding of the practice of veterinary medicine.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall submit documentation verifying the licensee's participation in at least 75% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the committee, board, council, or association.</p>	<p>Two hours of continuing education is granted for each committee, board, council, or association. A maximum of 2 hours of continuing education may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
h	<p>Provide individual supervision to a disciplinarily limited veterinarian.</p> <p>If audited, the licensee shall provide documentation from the department confirming the number of hours and the dates that the licensee spent supervising the disciplinarily limited veterinarian.</p>	<p>One hour of continuing education credit is granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of supervision provided. A maximum of 5 hours of continuing education may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>