

256 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

256 CMR 4.00: TEMPORARY PERMITS

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(1) The Board may grant a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth for a period of six months.

(a) A candidate to whom the Board issues a temporary permit may only practice under the supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian in the Commonwealth as defined in 256 CMR 4.01(1)(b).

(b) A "licensed veterinarian" is one who has been licensed for a minimum of four years from the date of the application for a temporary permit and shall be in "good standing" with the Board. Should a pending investigation or disciplinary matter be under review of the Board, the verification of "good standing" shall be determined by the Board on a case by case basis.

(c) In the event of a state of emergency as declared by the state or federal government, or an animal health or sheltering crisis which has or will occur due to action by state or federal law enforcement agencies or as declared by the Board, the Board shall waive the requirement to obtain a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth to any veterinarian licensed in another recognized jurisdiction and employed by or associated with a charitable organization or a government entity for the sole purpose of responding to the emergency or crisis. The veterinarian described in 256 CMR 4.01(1)(c) shall be subject to all laws and regulations of the Commonwealth, and may not practice veterinary medicine for any other purpose

(2) Graduates of Board approved veterinary schools who have not attained a passing score on a Board approved veterinary examination are not eligible for a temporary permit.

(3) An international veterinary graduate shall be eligible for a temporary permit if the following requirements are met:

(a) the candidate has achieved a passing score in a Board approved veterinary examination;

(b) the candidate is within six months of completing a Board approved international veterinary graduate program;

(c) the candidate has passed the Massachusetts Jurisprudence Examination; and

(d) while practicing under a temporary permit, the candidate does not obtain a passing score in a Board approved international veterinary graduate examination, then the Board shall rescind the temporary permit.

(4) A Veterinarian with a Temporary Permit is not allowed to work unsupervised until proof of valid and current Massachusetts licensure is in his or her possession. It is the sole responsibility of the individual holding the Temporary Permit to ensure that all requirements for full licensure are met. Substantiated evidence of any veterinarian on a Temporary Permit working unsupervised may result in discipline against the supervising licensee and denial of licensure for the Temporary Permit holder.

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- (1) Both the candidate and the licensed supervising veterinarian(s) shall complete the application and submit it to the Board. After an interview with both the candidate and the licensed supervising veterinarian, the Board shall determine if the candidate is qualified.
- (2) The Board shall sign a printed temporary permit setting forth any conditions under which the permit is valid. The candidate shall display the original temporary permit at his or her practice location. Where such display is not possible or realistic, the candidate shall have the original temporary permit on his or her person. The Board shall retain a copy of the temporary permit.
- (3) If the candidate's employment changes while practicing under a temporary permit, the candidate shall notify the Board and stop practicing veterinary medicine. Both the candidate and new licensed supervising veterinarian shall complete an application and submit it to the Board. After an interview with both the candidate and the new supervising veterinarian, the Board may transfer the time remaining on the temporary permit.
- (4) If, while practicing under a temporary permit, the candidate does not obtain a passing score in a Board approved veterinary graduate examination, or a Board oral examination, then the Board shall revoke the temporary permit.
- (5) By majority vote, the Board may summarily revoke temporary permits. Cause for summary revocation may include violations of 256 CMR 7.00: *Code of Professional Conduct*.
- (6) The Board may renew a temporary permit for a maximum of six months for candidates who have obtained a passing score in a Board approved international veterinary graduate examination. A temporary permit shall not exceed 12 months, including any extensions.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

256 CMR 4.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 54 and 56A.