

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine CORI Review Procedure

The Executive Director and/or the Associate Executive Director is/are authorized, in conjunction with Board Counsel, to review the records of criminal conviction and pending criminal cases received from the Criminal History Systems Board to determine whether review or an appearance before the Board is necessary for an applicant for licensure who has answered positively in response to an application question regarding the existence of past convictions. In determining who must appear before the Board, the Executive Director and Board Counsel shall act in a manner consistent with the following guidelines. Other than these circumstances, the Executive Director and Board Counsel will act upon application with no further or other Board involvement.

An applicant must be reviewed and/or appear at a Board meeting where:

1. The applicant has been convicted of any felony or a motor vehicle offense involving any other controlled substance;
2. The applicant has been convicted of any offense involving cruelty to animals or any crime involving an animal;
3. The applicant has been convicted of any motor vehicle offense involving the loss of life;
4. The applicant has been convicted of three (3) or more misdemeanors within the past ten years;
5. The applicant has a pending criminal case concerning an open felony criminal charge, not including motor vehicle operation related offenses, for which a disposition has not yet been entered;
6. The applicant has been convicted or has a pending criminal case that involves sexual misconduct; and
7. The applicant has been convicted or has a pending criminal case that related to fraudulent activities in his or her profession practice.

In addition to the above the Executive Director or Board Counsel is authorized to require Board review and/or an appearance before the Board of any applicant whose records contains any conviction or pending charge that the Executive Director or Board Counsel believe the Board should review. In evaluating whether an appearance is necessary, the Executive Director and Board Counsel will consider multiple factors, including by not limited to, whether the application has been convicted of an offense that involved sexual misconduct, fraud, dishonesty or deceit or an offense that calls into question the applicant's ability to practice Veterinary Medicine in accordance with accepted standards of sound professional practice.

Applicants who fail to disclose their conviction in response to the application question shall be notified by the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, or Board Counsel and may be allowed the opportunity to amend their application response. In the case of either an applicant's refusal to amend or a concern regarding an applicant's misrepresentation or lack of candor in a response, the Board will review for denial of an application for six (6) months or more, after which time an applicant may submit a new application.

The Good Moral Character of an applicant for licensure whose good moral character has already been approved under an application to practice under an institutional license as provided in M.G.L. c. 112, §56D shall also be approved for full licensure under M.G.L. c.112, §55 provided that the information is the same as when approved under said Section 56D. The standard for Good Moral Character required of an applicant to practice under an institutional license as provided in M.G.L. c. 112, §56D shall be the same as for full licensure under M.G.L. c.112, §55