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**NOTICE: Grace Period for 2018 License Renewal
Continuing Education Requirement**

Effective May 19, 2017, the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) adopted a series of updates to its regulations, including several changes to the annual continuing education requirements outlined in [256 Code of Mass. Regs. § 9.00](#). Specifically, the Board now requires all licensees to complete the annual continuing education requirement during the calendar year immediately prior to the renewal date. Before this change, licensees were required to complete the annual continuing education requirement during the license year, March 1st - February 28th.

To alleviate any confusion caused by this change, the Board has adopted a temporary grace period for the 2018 license renewal cycle. Specifically, to meet the annual continuing education requirement for the 2018 license renewal cycle, licensees may utilize continuing education courses completed between January 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018. However, licensees may not “double-dip” and utilize courses previously applied to the 2017 license renewal in order to meet the annual requirement for the 2018 license renewal.

Licensees are advised that this grace period is temporary and will not be extended beyond the current license renewal cycle. Effective for the 2019 license renewal cycle, all licensees will be required to comply with the calendar year timeframe outlined in [256 Code of Mass. Regs. § 9.00\(1\)](#).

Questions regarding the changes to the regulations, continuing education requirements and courses, or the 2018 license renewal grace period, should be directed to the Board office by calling 617-727-5899 or by e-mailing VetMedBoard@state.ma.us.

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