

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Division of Professional Licensure**  
Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine  
1000 Washington Street, Suite 710  
Boston, MA 02118-6100  
Phone: (617) 727-5899

## **VETERINARY MEDICINE LICENSE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

Only candidates seeking a Massachusetts license will be permitted to sit for the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE) and/or the Jurisprudence Examination. Graduates of non-AVMA accredited programs must enroll in **either** the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) **or** the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) before applying, and proof of enrollment is required prior to sitting for an examination (see “Information for Graduates of Non-AVMA Accredited Veterinary Schools” section below).

All examination candidates must have either graduated or be within 210 days of graduation (on the date of the examination). The Board will accept a letter from the dean of a veterinary school which certifies that you have received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or have met all of the requirements for graduation and will graduate no later than 210 calendar days after the Board’s examination. In lieu of a letter from the dean, completion of the **CERTIFICATE BY DEAN OR REGISTRAR OF VETERINARY COLLEGE** (Item 8 on the application form) is acceptable. Please note that candidates who sit for the examination prior to graduation will be required to submit an official transcript **AFTER** graduation.

Exams are administered during specific windows in the spring and winter. **Candidates wishing to sit for the NAVLE must submit this license application and fees to the Board no later than the deadline listed on the enclosed application, AND apply directly to the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), formally known as the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME).** Please visit [www.icva.net](http://www.icva.net) for specifics on ICVA’s application process and deadlines for the NAVLE. Please be aware that NAVLE examination fees are paid directly to ICVA and are in addition to the fees required to be submitted with this licensure application. **Do not wait until the last minute to complete either of these steps, as we cannot be responsible for mail delays. Information received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Following review and approval of the application, candidates will be added to the Board’s list of approved applicants, which is submitted to ICVA just prior to their registration deadline. Be reminded that ALL approved candidates are required to ALSO register with ICVA.

For exams taken prior to December 1992, the passing grade on the NBE and CCT is seventy five (75). Passing status on current national exams is established using a content-based or criterion referenced standard setting procedure. Please visit [www.icva.net](http://www.icva.net) for more information on the current passing standard.

Candidates will be informed of their national examination results approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks following the closing of each testing window. The Jurisprudence Examination will be scored upon receipt of your application. The Jurisprudence Exam must be completed in ink. Please do not call the Board for your results as they cannot be given over the phone.

If you have already successfully completed the national exams, you must have a score report forwarded to the Board. Score transfer requests are processed by the Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA) of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). A score transfer request can be processed **online** through the VIVA link on the AAVSB web site, [www.aavsb.org](http://www.aavsb.org). If you choose to mail or fax a request, a VIVA score transfer application form is also available as a pdf file for printing on the website. AAVSB can be reached by phone at (877) 698-8482.

### **JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**

All applicants are required to pass the Massachusetts Jurisprudence Examination for Veterinary Medicine. This exam is designed to assess your knowledge of the Massachusetts statutes and regulations with regards to the practice of veterinary medicine. This exam must be included when submitting your application for licensure and must be completed in ink. Please be aware that this examination is not available online or via e-mail and will be mailed to you upon request. Please contact Board staff to obtain a copy of the Massachusetts Jurisprudence Examination (call (617) 727-5899 or use the "[Email the Board](#)" link on the Division of Professional Licensure's homepage).

### **RECIPROCITY**

If you are a licensed veterinarian in another state and have been engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for five consecutive years, you may apply for licensure in Massachusetts via reciprocity. Reciprocity applicants are required to complete all portions of the application, including the submission of professional references and passage of the Jurisprudence Examination. In addition, a certified letter of licensure status must be submitted directly from all states in which currently and/or previously licensed, and a score report must be received from VIVA (see instructions above regarding obtaining scores).

### **LIMITED LICENSES FOR BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARIANS**

The NAVLE requirement may be waived in the case of an AVMA board-certified veterinarian (Jurisprudence Exam will not be waived). If such a waiver is granted, the Board shall restrict the licensee's veterinary practice to his/her board specialty. Limited license applicants are required to complete all portions of the application, including the submission of professional references and passage of the Jurisprudence Examination. In addition, a current CV/resume and a copy of your board specialty certificate must be submitted. An interview with the Board may also be required.

### **INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES OF NON-AVMA ACCREDITED VETERINARY SCHOOLS**

The Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine permits graduates of non-AVMA accredited programs to apply for licensure in Massachusetts and sit for the NAVLE and Jurisprudence Examination provided that the following is submitted:

1. Complete licensure application.
2. Confirmation of degree from veterinary school. {Candidates receiving a degree from a foreign veterinary school must have transcripts translated into English and notarized prior to submitting them as evidence of graduation.}
3. Proof of enrollment in the ECFVG or PAVE certification program.

Please be aware, however, that following passage of the NAVLE, licensure will not be granted until official documentation of the completion of the ECFVG or PAVE certification program is received by the Board office.

Information on the ECFVG certification program can be obtained via their website: [www.avma.org/ecfvfg](http://www.avma.org/ecfvfg); by mail: American Veterinary Medical Association, ATTN: ECFVG, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360; or by phone: (800) 248-2862.

Information on the PAVE program can be obtained via their website: [www.aavsb.org/PAVE](http://www.aavsb.org/PAVE); by mail: The PAVE Program, 380 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101, Kansas City, MO 64108; or by phone: 816-931-1504, ext. 226.

### TEMPORARY PERMITS

#### {For Graduates of Non-AVMA Accredited Veterinary Schools Only}

An applicant who is a graduate of a non-AVMA accredited veterinary school, who meets the below specified criteria, may apply for a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth. Temporary permits are issued for a period of six months with the possibility of one six-month renewal. A candidate to whom the Board issues a temporary permit may **only** practice under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the Commonwealth. In addition to submitting the completed application, be sure to complete the temporary permit application.

To be eligible for a six month temporary permit, a candidate must have passed both the Jurisprudence Examination and the national exams, and must be within six months of completing the PAVE or ECFVG. A Board interview with the candidate and supervisor is required and will be scheduled following application approval.

### ALL APPLICANTS

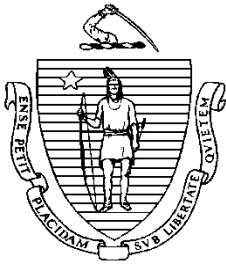
The **Professional and Ethical Reference Form** must be completed by currently licensed veterinarians who are familiar with your veterinary skills, as well as your professional and ethical conduct. The recommending veterinarians do not need to be licensed in Massachusetts. You must complete the top portion of the Reference Form and give them to the references, who should complete them, have them notarized, and return them to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the back. **DO NOT SUBMIT UNSEALED OR UNSIGNED REFERENCES.**

The **Applicant's Checklist/Requirements for Licensure** must be filled out and submitted to the Board in order for your application to be considered complete. Official, sealed transcripts and other forms to be filled out by a third party (references, letters of licensure, etc.) may be sent separately, but it is preferred that they be submitted with the application in order to avoid delays. If submitted with the application, those items **must remain sealed** and your references must sign along the seal on the back of the envelope. Letters of verification from states you currently hold or have held a license must be submitted directly to the Board from that state. All applicants applying for licensure are required to submit **official, sealed transcripts** of the conferred degree. Please remember that you are not permitted to practice veterinary medicine in Massachusetts until you have received notification that the Board has granted a license.

#### **Application Fee = \$272.00**

The above noted total application fee is made up of an application processing fee (\$117.00) plus a Jurisprudence Examination fee (\$155.00). Both fees, which are NON-REFUNDABLE, should be paid in **one** personal check or money order, payable to the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts." Please do not send cash.

***\*Please Note: Following review and approval of the application, when it is determined that all licensure requirements have been met, an initial licensure fee of \$71.00 will be assessed.\****



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Please attach recent passport type

2" x 2"

head and shoulder photograph

**VETERINARY MEDICINE  
LICENSURE APPLICATION**  
**{NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION AND JURISPRUDENCE EXAM FEE: \$272.00}**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden

2. Mailing Address (this will be public record): \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Street Apt. No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip Code

3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
month/ day/ year

4. Telephone Number (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve.): \_\_\_\_\_

5. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Veterinary School: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Date and Degree Conferred: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. CERTIFICATE BY DEAN OR REGISTRAR OF VETERINARY COLLEGE**  
(If Requesting Examination Prior to Degree Conferral)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Dean/Registrar of \_\_\_\_\_

certify that the applicant attended this institution from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and has received or  
will receive (circle one) a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree on \_\_\_\_\_.

SCHOOL SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Dean/Registrar

9. DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

If you answer YES to any of the following questions (A-F), please attach a complete explanation.

- A. Has any disciplinary action been taken against you by a licensing/certification board located in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Are you the subject of pending disciplinary action by a licensing/certification board located in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or resigned a professional license to a licensing/certification board in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Have you ever applied for and been denied a professional license in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Has your registration/license to dispense controlled substances ever been suspended, revoked, or placed on probation? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction, other than a traffic violation for which a fine of less than \$100.00 was assessed? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The Board is certified by the Criminal History Systems Board [ID# MAREG G] to access data about convictions and pending criminal cases. Those records - and other Federal and professional records - may be checked as part of your licensing process. No records are automatic disqualifiers; you will be given an opportunity to discuss any issues with the Board.

10. List any professional licenses/registrations you hold or have held in the United States or any country or foreign jurisdiction and the state/jurisdiction from which the license/registration was issued, along with the license number.

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11. List all addresses where you have engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, including service in the armed services. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. If you are presently engaged in any type of veterinary endeavor, either as a principal or as an assistant, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. **Application Deadlines and NAVLE exam dates:**

(Please indicate which testing window you are applying for OR that you have already tested.)

- August 1, 2017 DEADLINE:**  November 13 - December 9 *Testing Window*
- February 1, 2018 DEADLINE:**  April 9 - April 21 *Testing Window*
- Already passed NAVLE

14. Have you taken either of the following examinations? NBE\_\_\_\_ CCT\_\_\_\_  
*Candidates who have successfully taken and passed the NBE and CCT on or before April 2000 are eligible for a license. Candidates who have passed only one of those examinations will be required to take the NAVLE.*  
***If you have previously taken an examination, you must have your scores transferred from VIVA to the Board of Veterinary Medicine (See instructions)***

15. Pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, s. 49A, I have filed all Massachusetts tax returns and paid all Massachusetts taxes required by law. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If "NO" please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have never been a resident of MA and, therefore, not required to file MA taxes, check "NO" and indicate that above.)

16. If you are not a graduate of a school of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, have you secured a PAVE or ECFVG certificate or a Certificate of Qualification issued by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ IN PROCESS \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

(official documentation of certificate status is required from the awarding entity (see instructions))

17. Please list the two currently licensed veterinarians who will be completing the Professional and Ethical Reference Forms:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 18. **AFFIDAVIT**

I certify that I agree to abide by the G.L. c. 112, s. 54-60 and the Rules and Regulations for the licensing of veterinarians as contained in 256 CMR and attest that all statements made in herein are truthful and are made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

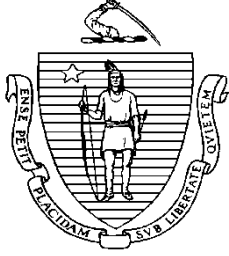
**Sign in the presence of a Notary Public or other public official qualified by law to administer oaths.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Commission Expires



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**PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL REFERENCE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_,  
(applicant) (licensed veterinarian)

to provide the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine with all information of any kind which the veterinarian may deem relevant to my qualifications as an applicant. I hereby release and discharge the endorser from all claims arising out of the provision of such information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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The remainder of this form is to be completed by the licensed veterinarian named above. Failure to do so will render this document invalid. Do not complete unless the above waiver is signed. This form must be signed by a Notary Public.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. State where licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Relationship to the applicant (supervisor, professor, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

7: Length of time known: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (month/year)

8. Indicate the setting(s) in which you have known the applicant, description of applicant's duties, and extent of your contact with applicant. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Do you certify that the applicant is of good moral character? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*(continued)*

10. Do you believe that this applicant conducts his/her activities in conformance with the Code of Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If No, please explain:\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned, being duly sworn do state under penalties of perjury that the answers given above are true and correct. I agree to provide any additional information requested by the Board.

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

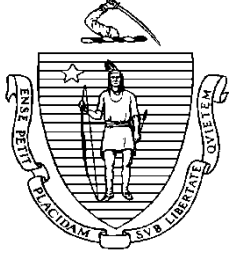
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Endorser's Signature

Notary Name(print):\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires:\_\_\_\_\_





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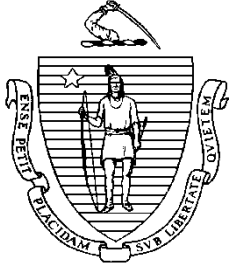
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**TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICATION**

**TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF REQUESTING A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO PRACTICE  
GRADUATES OF NON-AVMA ACCREDITED VETERINARY SCHOOLS ONLY**

To be eligible for a temporary permit, a candidate must have passed the Board's Jurisprudence Examination and the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) AND be within six (6) months of completing the ECFVG or PAVE. You must provide either an ECFVG or PAVE status report as proof that you meet this time requirement.

A Board interview of the candidate and supervisor is required. If approved, a temporary permit is valid for six months, with the possibility of just one renewal for an additional six months. Under no circumstances will a temporary permit be valid over twelve months.

**Graduates of AVMA Accredited Veterinary Schools are not eligible for a temporary permit.**

To be completed by candidate and supervisor(s)

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Signature Date

If the facility is a multi-veterinarian practice, the Board suggests that all veterinarians that this candidate may be supervised by sign this form. Please use the back of this form if additional space is needed.

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print License No. Signature

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print License No. Signature

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print License No. Signature

Practice address & telephone number

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Applicant's Checklist/Requirements for Licensure  
YOU MUST INCLUDE THIS WITH YOUR APPLICATION  
MANDATORY

MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS:    -   -

Pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, s. 47A, the Division of Professional Licensure is required to obtain your social security number and forward it to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue will use your social security number to ascertain whether you are in compliance with the tax laws of the Commonwealth.

**PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX:**

- Completed application with photo
- NON-REFUNDABLE Fee of \$272.00 (check or money order payable to the "Comm. of MA")
- Completed Jurisprudence Exam (in ink). Contact Board office at 617-727-5899 or use the "[Email the Board](#)" link on the Division of Professional Licensure's website ([www.mass.gov/dpl](http://www.mass.gov/dpl)) to request an exam.
- Confirmation of degree. (If applying to take NAVLE: *Item 8* on application (certified statement by Dean/Registrar) must be completed. When applying for licensure: official sealed transcript confirming degree must be submitted.)
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- (If applicable) Exam scores from Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA)
- If you have/had a license in another state or foreign jurisdiction, sealed verification from each is required.
- CORI FORM

**IF APPLYING FOR A TEMPORARY PERMIT**

- Completed Temporary Permit Application with signatures of all supervisors\*\*\*
- \*\*\*Upon receipt of the application, you will be notified of a scheduled interview with the Board. Board interviews are required in order to receive a temporary permit. At least one supervisor must accompany you to this interview. Interviews are held the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Board staff at (617) 727-5899 or via "[Email the Board](#)" link on the Division of Professional Licensure's website ([www.mass.gov/dpl](http://www.mass.gov/dpl)).

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