

CHAPTER 6
APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY LICENSURE

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Chapter 6, Suspension or Revocation of License, rescinded IAC 2/8/89; see 811—Ch 10.

811—6.1(169) Procedure.

6.1(1) *Application to take examination.* Any person desiring to take the NAVLE in Iowa for a license to practice veterinary medicine shall make application to the board in accordance with the guidelines and time lines established by the NBVME. The applicant shall submit to the board proof of completing the application process with NBVME along with the administrative fee by sending the proof and fee to:

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Wallace State Office Building
502 E. 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0053

Proof of NAVLE application shall be submitted to the board in accordance with the guidelines and time lines established by the NBVME on forms to be provided by the board. The form shall be notarized and completely filled out. The completed form shall include one current passport size and quality photograph of the applicant. Incomplete applications shall be returned to the applicant along with the tendered fee and a written statement setting forth the reasons for such rejections.

The form shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the applicant's having graduated from an AVMA-accredited school of veterinary medicine or satisfactory evidence that the applicant is expected to graduate within six months of the date of the examination.

Applications to take the NAVLE will not be accepted from any person who has previously taken and passed that examination in any jurisdiction, except on case-by-case petition to the board for good cause shown or other order of the board.

6.1(2) *License requirements.* Prior to the board's issuance of a license, the applicant shall:

- a. Successfully complete the NAVLE as provided in rule 811—7.1(169);
- b. Remit the proper application fee for licensure;
- c. Graduate from:
 - (1) An AVMA-accredited school of veterinary medicine; or
 - (2) An AVMA-listed school of veterinary medicine and have received a certificate from either ECFVG or PAVE;
- d. Provide a statement indicating all jurisdictions in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed to practice veterinary medicine. The applicant shall provide information and shall consent to release to the board license information from jurisdictions in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed;
- e. Provide information or consent to the release of information pertinent to the character and education of the applicant as the board may deem necessary in order to evaluate the applicant's qualifications; and
- f. Submit evidence of having completed at least 60 hours of approved continuing education within the last three licensing years. New graduates and applicants within one year after the date of graduation are exempt from continuing education requirements for initial licensing. Applicants who apply more than one year but less than two years after the date of graduation must complete at least 20 hours of approved continuing education. Applicants who apply more than two years but less than three years after the date of graduation must have completed at least 40 hours of approved continuing education. As used in this paragraph, "date of graduation" also includes the date of PAVE or ECFVG certification.

A license issued during a triennium, upon the applicant's completion of these requirements and payment of the prorated triennial license fee, shall be issued for the balance of the triennium. A license shall expire on June 30 of the third year if the triennium.

811—6.2(169) Fee schedule for veterinarians. The following fees shall be collected by the board and shall not be refunded except by board action in unusual instances such as documented illness of the

applicant, death of the applicant, inability of the applicant to comply with the rules of the board, or withdrawal of an examination application provided withdrawal is received in writing 45 days prior to the examination date. However, the state fees may be waived for qualifying military service personnel upon request. Examination fees shall be nontransferable from one examination to another.

The fee for the NAVLE, which is utilized by the board as a part of the licensure process, shall be the fee charged that year by NBVME, plus an administrative fee payable to the board.

Based on the board's anticipated financial requirements, the following fees are hereby adopted:

License—application fee	\$50
NAVLE examination fee	set by NBVME
Board administrative fee for NAVLE.	\$25
State veterinary examination fee.	set by board
State veterinary administration fee	set by board
Triennial license	\$60
Late renewal penalty	\$100
License by endorsement—application fee	\$50
License by verification—application fee	\$50
Reactivation fee for lapsed or inactive license	\$100
Reinstatement fee	\$100
Duplicate license.	\$15
Temporary permit	\$35
Temporary permit application fee	\$15
Official licensure verification	\$15
Charge for insufficient funds or returned checks.	\$25
Senior student certificate	\$0

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 169.5 and 169.12.
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811—6.3(169) Reactivation fee. All applications for reactivation of a lapsed or inactive license to practice veterinary medicine shall be filed with the secretary of the board, together with the then current license fee, the current reactivation fee, and all applicable penalties for a lapsed or inactive license.

811—6.4(169) Graduates of foreign schools. Graduates of foreign veterinary schools may become eligible for examination and licensure by either of the following methods:

6.4(1) Examination eligibility through ECFVG. Graduates of foreign veterinary schools which, pursuant to the AVMA criteria, are not AVMA-accredited but are AVMA-listed may make application to take the NAVLE in this state provided that the application includes a copy of the applicant's diploma or certificate indicating the award of a degree in veterinary medicine from an AVMA-listed college and a letter from the ECFVG verifying that the applicant is or will be participating in an ECFVG certification program.

6.4(2) Licensure eligibility through ECFVG. Graduates of foreign veterinary schools which are not AVMA-accredited but are AVMA-listed will not be considered for licensing until they have received the certificate granted by the ECFVG. A license will not be issued to an applicant until the applicant submits a certified copy of the applicant's ECFVG certificate.

6.4(3) Examination eligibility through PAVE. Graduates of foreign veterinary schools may make application to take the NAVLE in this state provided that the application includes a certified copy of the applicant's diploma or certificate indicating the award of a degree in veterinary medicine from a foreign veterinary school and a letter from the AAVSB on behalf of PAVE verifying that the applicant

is participating in the PAVE certification program administered by the AAVSB, and has met the requirements for taking the NAVLE.

6.4(4) *Licensure eligibility through PAVE.* Graduates of foreign veterinary schools will not be considered for licensing until they have received the certificate granted by PAVE. A license will not be issued to an applicant until the applicant submits a copy of the applicant's PAVE certificate.

811—6.5(169) License by endorsement.

6.5(1) A license by endorsement may be granted by the board pursuant to either Iowa Code section 169.10(1) or 169.10(2). An applicant shall make application for a license by endorsement on a form provided by the board. The application fee and triennial license fee shall accompany the application. In addition to the information specified in Iowa Code section 169.10, the applicant shall supply all of the following:

a. A statement indicating all jurisdictions in which the licensee is or has ever been licensed to practice veterinary medicine. The applicant shall provide information and shall consent to the release of information to the board from jurisdictions in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed.

b. Information pertinent to the character and education of the applicant as the board may deem necessary in order to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

c. Evidence of approved continuing education totaling at least 60 hours obtained within the last three licensing years. New graduates and applicants within one year after graduation are exempt from continuing education requirements for initial licensing. Applicants who apply more than one year but less than two years after the date of graduation must complete at least 20 hours of approved continuing education. Applicants who apply more than two years but less than three years after the date of graduation must have completed at least 40 hours of approved continuing education. As used in this paragraph, "date of graduation" also includes the date of PAVE or ECFVG certification. Foreign graduates licensed by PAVE or ECFVG certification are exempt from the continuing education requirement for one year from the date of certification by PAVE or ECFVG.

6.5(2) For an applicant with a non-Iowa license seeking licensure under Iowa Code section 169.10(1), the following shall apply:

a. If the applicant's non-Iowa license was issued between December 31, 1964, and December 31, 1979, the applicant shall have successfully completed the National Board Examination (NBE).

b. If the applicant's non-Iowa license was issued between January 1, 1980, and December 31, 2000, the applicant shall have successfully completed the National Board Examination (NBE) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT).

c. If the applicant's non-Iowa license was issued on or after January 1, 2001, the applicant shall have successfully completed the NAVLE in accordance with rule 811—7.1(169).

6.5(3) An applicant who is a diplomate under Iowa Code section 169.10(2) shall also include a copy of the applicant's board or college specialty certificate. For the purpose of this rule, a specialty board or college means a specialty board or college which has been officially recognized by the AVMA. Changes of specialty status shall be reported to the board within 30 days of the action.

811—6.6(272C) Licensure by verification. Licensure by verification is available in accordance with the following:

6.6(1) *Eligibility.* A person may seek licensure by verification if the person is licensed in at least one other jurisdiction.

6.6(2) *Board application.* The applicant must submit the following:

a. A completed application for licensure by verification.

b. Payment of the application fee.

c. A verification form, completed by the licensing authority in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license, verifying that the applicant's license in that jurisdiction complies with the requirements of Iowa Code section 272C.12. The completed verification form must be sent directly from the licensing authority to the board. This form is available on the board's website.

d. A copy of the relevant disciplinary documents if another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the applicant.

6.6(3) Applicants with prior discipline. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the board will determine whether the cause for the disciplinary action has been corrected and the matter has been resolved. If the board determines the disciplinary matter has not been resolved, the board will not take action on the application until the disciplinary matter has been resolved.

6.6(4) Applicants with pending licensing complaints or investigations. If an applicant currently has a complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct pending before any regulating entity in another jurisdiction, the board will not take action on the application until the complaint, allegation, or investigation has been resolved.

6.6(5) Limitations. A person who has had a license revoked, or who has voluntarily surrendered a license while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in another jurisdiction, is ineligible for licensure by verification.

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811—6.7(169) Issuance of limited license; specialization.

6.7(1) The board may grant a license to practice veterinary medicine within a limited and specified scope:

a. As an option for board discipline under 811—Chapter 10.

b. To a qualified member of the faculty of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

c. To an applicant requesting limited or specialized status.

6.7(2) A licensed veterinarian shall not claim or imply specialization unless the veterinarian is a diplomate in good standing of the respective specialty board or college recognized by the AVMA.

6.7(3) Veterinary student certificate. The board may issue a veterinary student certificate to a senior veterinary student who is attending an AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine, upon endorsement by the college that the student is competent to perform veterinary duties. The certificate issued by the board shall limit the student to performing duties under the direction of an instructor of veterinary medicine or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Veterinary student certificate holders are prohibited from administering rabies vaccine to dogs as described in Iowa Code section 351.35 and signing a certificate of veterinary inspection as described in Iowa Code section 163.12.

6.7(4) Limited licensure for faculty. Faculty, not including residents or interns, at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine may be issued a limited license to practice veterinary medicine. The applicant for a limited license for faculty shall have graduated from an AVMA-accredited or AVMA-listed school of veterinary medicine or have received a PAVE or ECFVG certificate and shall submit a completed application and the required fees. Holders of limited licenses for faculty are limited to duties performed on the college premises during periods of employment at the college.

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811—6.8(169) License renewal.

6.8(1) A license to practice veterinary medicine shall be issued for a three-year period, except that new licenses issued during a triennium shall be issued for the balance of that triennium, except that new certificates issued during a triennium shall be issued for the balance of the triennium and the certificate fee shall be prorated. A license shall expire on June 30 of the third year of the triennium.

6.8(2) At least two months before the end of a triennium, a renewal notice will be sent to each licensee at the last address in the board's file. Failure to receive the notice shall not relieve the licensee of the obligation to pay triennium renewal fees on or before June 30.

6.8(3) The license renewal application shall include a statement which certifies the jurisdictions in which the licensee is currently or has in the past been licensed to practice veterinary medicine.

6.8(4) Renewal fees shall be received by the board on or before the end of the triennium on June 30. Whenever renewal fees are not received as specified, the license lapses and the practice of veterinary medicine must cease until all renewal fees and penalty fees are received by the board.

6.8(5) If the renewal fee has not been received by the board before the license has lapsed, an application for renewal must be filed with the board with a renewal fee in addition to the reactivation fee and the late renewal penalty fee.
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811—6.9(169) Renewal, lapsed or inactive license. A veterinarian whose license has lapsed may renew an expired license within five years of the date of its expiration by making written application for renewal and paying the current renewal fee plus all delinquent renewal fees. After five years have elapsed since the date of expiration, a license may not be renewed, and the veterinarian must make application for a new license and take the license examination. A veterinarian whose license has lapsed or has been placed on inactive status shall, prior to receiving active status licensure in the practice of veterinary medicine in the state of Iowa, satisfy the requirements in either subrule 6.9(1) or subrule 6.9(2) for renewal of a lapsed or inactive license:

6.9(1) *Renewal of a lapsed or inactive license.* An applicant for renewal of a lapsed or inactive license shall do both of the following:

a. Submit written application for renewal of a lapsed or inactive license to the board upon forms provided by the board;

b. Furnish evidence of compliance with continuing education requirements specified in rule 811—11.3(169).

6.9(2) *Renewal by endorsement.* An applicant for renewal by endorsement may submit an application for renewal by endorsement by following the procedures set out in rule 811—6.5(169).

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