

**811—11.1(169) Continuing education required.**

**11.1(1)** At least 60 hours of continuing education in courses approved by the board of veterinary medicine shall be completed triennially by each licensee as a condition for license renewal. The licensee has responsibility for financing of continuing education. These credit hours may be obtained by attending board-approved scientific seminars and meetings on the basis of one credit hour for each hour of attendance. Attendance at any approved national, state or regional meeting will be acceptable. One hour of credit may be approved for local meetings where a scientific paper is presented. Credit for qualified graduate college courses may be approved on the basis of multiplying each college credit hour by 10, to a maximum of 30 hours during any one triennial license period. A maximum of 20 hours during any one triennial license period of continuing education may be achieved by completion of approved home study courses.

**11.1(2)** Each licensee shall obtain the 60 credit hours between July 1 of the year the license was issued and June 30 of the following third year as a condition precedent to license renewal. Continuing education credits in excess of 60 hours for any three-year license period may be carried over to the next license period, but the total number of credits carried over shall not exceed 20 hours.

**11.1(3)** A recent graduate is exempt from meeting continuing education requirements at the time of original licensure and for the first year of practice. For the purpose of this rule, a “recent graduate” means a person who has graduated from an accredited or approved school of veterinary medicine, or received a certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) no more than three years prior to passing the state board examination. If a recent graduate is licensed during the first year of the triennial continuing education period, the licensee is required to complete 40 hours of continuing education for the first license renewal. If a recent graduate is licensed during the second year of the triennial continuing education period, the licensee is required to complete 20 hours of continuing education for the first license renewal. If a recent graduate is licensed during the third year of the continuing education period, the licensee is exempt from meeting continuing education requirements for the first license renewal.

**11.1(4)** Completion of the continuing education will be reported to the secretary of the board of veterinary medicine on forms provided by the board, at the time the license is due for renewal. The reporting form must be signed by the license holder and accompanied by a renewal application and the proper renewal fee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 169.5, 169.12 and 272C.2.