

283—27.7(261) Waivers.

27.7(1) *Service commitment area or veterinary shortage area.* The commission may waive the requirement that the veterinarian practice in the same service commitment area or veterinary shortage area for four years as long as the veterinarian continues to practice in a service commitment area or veterinary shortage area. The veterinarian must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

27.7(2) *Postponement of veterinarian practice.* The veterinarian obligation to engage in practice in accordance with rule 283—27.4(261) may be postponed for no more than two years from the time full-time practice was to commence. The veterinarian must request a waiver from the commission in writing for one of the following purposes:

- a. Active duty service in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.
- b. Service in Volunteers in Service to America or the federal Peace Corps.
- c. A rural service commitment to the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.
- d. A period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The veterinarian obligation to engage in practice in accordance with rule 283—27.4(261) may be postponed for a period exceeding two years for any period of temporary medical incapacity, including leave approved under the Family and Medical Leave Act, during which the veterinarian is unable to engage in full-time practice. The veterinarian must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

27.7(3) *Satisfaction of the veterinarian practice obligation.* All obligations under the rural veterinarian loan repayment program are considered to be satisfied when any of the following conditions are met:

- a. All terms of the agreement are met.
- b. The person who entered into the agreement dies.
- c. The person who entered into the agreement, due to permanent disability, is unable to meet the requirements of these rules.
- d. The person who entered into the agreement has no remaining eligible loan balance to repay.

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