

283—27.1(256) Definitions.

“Eligible applicant” means an individual who meets the criteria of Iowa Code sections 256.226(3) and 256.226(4), agrees to sign a program agreement, agrees to begin employment under the obligation within one year of signing a program agreement, and agrees to complete the obligation. The eligible applicant completes applications on or before the date established by the commission and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

1. The program agreement specifies the obligation and other details pertaining to the program.

2. The obligation is considered fulfilled or may be postponed pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.226(9). Progression toward completion of the obligation is verified annually.

“Eligible loan” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1). Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible loan qualifies as an eligible loan.

“Food supply veterinary medicine” means the same as “practice of food supply veterinary medicine” as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1).

“Rural service commitment area” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1). An eligible applicant who signs a program agreement to serve in a service commitment area will contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable contribution equivalent to 12.5 percent of the eligible applicant’s eligible loan balance, at the time the program agreement is signed, for deposit in the rural veterinarian trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by but is not limited to the following organizations: community agencies, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

“Veterinary shortage area” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1).

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