

**811—1.4(17A,169) Definitions.** As used in the rules of the board, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*AAVSB*” means the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

“*AVMA*” means the American Veterinary Medical Association.

“*AVMA-accredited*” means colleges in the United States and foreign colleges evaluated by the AVMA Council on Education and found to meet accreditation standards as published.

“*AVMA-listed*” means a foreign college recognized by the World Health Organization or the government of its own country whose graduates are eligible to practice veterinary medicine in that country and whose graduates may qualify for entrance in the ECFVG certification program.

“*Board*” means the Iowa board of veterinary medicine.

“*Certificate*” means a credential issued by the board to practice on an animal as a certified veterinary student pursuant to 811—subrule 6.7(3).

“*Certificate holder*” means a person issued a certificate by the board.

“*Client*” means the patient’s owner, owner’s designee, or other person responsible for the patient.

“*Client consent*” requires that the licensed veterinarian inform the client of the reasonable and usual diagnostic and treatment options available and provide an assessment of the risks and benefits of such choices, the prognosis and an estimate of the fees expected for the provision of services. The consent of the client shall be provided in verbal or written form prior to initiation of diagnostic and treatment procedures and shall be documented in the medical record by the licensed veterinarian or staff. The client shall indicate that the client’s questions have been answered to the client’s satisfaction and that the client consents to the recommended treatments or procedures.

“*Credential*” means, as applicable, a certificate, license, or permit issued by the board.

“*Credential holder*” means a person who holds a certificate, license, or permit issued by the board.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“*Direct supervision*” means that a licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is readily available.

“*ECFVG*” means the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.

“*Emergency*” means that an animal has been placed in a life-threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life or that death is imminent, and action is necessary to relieve extreme pain or suffering.

“*License*” means a credential issued by the board that permits a person to practice veterinary medicine.

“*Licensee*” means a person holding a license issued by the board.

“*NAVLE*” means the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

“*NBVM*” means the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

“*Patient*” means an animal or group of animals examined or treated by a licensed veterinarian.

“*PAVE*” means the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence.

“*Permit*” means a temporary educational permit or a temporary in-state practice permit issued by the board pursuant to rule 811—9.1(169).

“*Permit holder*” means a person holding a permit issued by the board.

“*Physical examination*” means a veterinarian is physically proximate, hands-on to the patient and subjectively and objectively evaluates the patient’s health status through the use of observation, auscultation, palpation, percussion or manipulations, or, for a group of patients, the veterinarian is physically proximate to the group of patients and has subjectively and objectively assessed a representative sample of the patients.

“*Premises*” means the land, buildings, enclosures, and facilities operated or owned by the client where the patient or representative patients are housed, kept, located, or grazed.

“*Qualifying military service personnel*” means a person, or the spouse of that person, who is currently or who has been during the past 12 months on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty and has provided sufficient documentation to the board concerning the service and, if applicable, marriage.

“*RACE*” means the Registry of Approved Continuing Education, which is the national clearinghouse for approval of continuing education providers and their programs. All RACE-approved continuing

education providers and programs are listed on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards website.

“*Veterinarian*” means a person who has received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree or its equivalent from an AVMA-accredited, -approved or -listed college of veterinary medicine.

“*VTNE*” means the Veterinary Technician National Examination.

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