

**VETERINARY MEDICINE BOARD[811]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to veterinary examinations  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 7, “Veterinary Examinations,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 169.5.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A and 169.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rulemaking updates the Board’s veterinary examination rules by removing outdated or redundant provisions that are covered by statute.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 811—Chapter 14.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written or oral comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2024. Comments should be directed to:

Colin Tadlock  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Wallace State Office Building  
502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.518.7609  
Email: [colin.tadlock@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:colin.tadlock@iowaagriculture.gov)

*Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

February 29, 2024  
10 a.m.

Second Floor Boardroom  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

March 8, 2024  
10 a.m.

Second Floor Boardroom  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 811—Chapter 7 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 7  
VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS

**811—7.1(169) Examination procedure.** In order to successfully complete the NAVLE, an applicant will achieve the minimum passing score as determined by the ICVA. The NAVLE is prepared by the ICVA for use by the board.

**7.1(1)** The dates for the examination are set by the ICVA. Examinations are held at a site to be determined by the ICVA.

**7.1(2)** Upon request, the ICVA will attempt to provide adequate individualized testing arrangements for applicants who establish the existence of a verified disability, including a verified learning disability, consistent with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and regulations promulgated thereunder. Verification may be provided by a testing or evaluation agency approved by the ICVA or by a physician approved by the ICVA.

**811—7.2(169) Conduct.** An examinee who violates any of the ICVA rules or instructions applicable to them may be declared by the board to have failed the examination.

**7.2(1)** The ability of an examinee to read and interpret instructions will be evaluated and considered by the board as part of the examination.

**7.2(2)** Any examinee who gives or receives unauthorized assistance in any portion of the examination may be dismissed from the examination.

**7.2(3)** If the examinee fails the examination and desires to take a subsequent examination, the examinee will notify the board at least 60 days prior to the first day of the next examination, will certify that the material statements contained in the original applications are currently true and correct, will supplement that information as necessary, and will pay the requisite fee.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A and 169.