



North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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Licenses

As of August 31, 2020, there were 524 veterinarians actively licensed in North Dakota, a decrease of 15 from last year. This included 276 licensees with North Dakota mailing addresses. 33 veterinarians had not renewed their licenses for 2020-21 including 10 with North Dakota mailing addresses. The renewal fee for veterinarians is \$75, with a 50% late fee for renewals received after June 30.

Thirteen veterinarians were approved for licensure in North Dakota at the November 15, 2019 meeting and fourteen were approved at the June 9, 2020 meeting.

Seventeen veterinarians were deleted from the list of licensees after June 30, 2020 for non-renewal.

As of June 30, 2020, 379 veterinary technicians were licensed in North Dakota, an increase of 21 from last year. In 2019-20, 25 technician licenses were issued. 24 licensees will be two years in arrears and will be deleted if they do not renew by December 31. The renewal fee for technicians is \$15 with a 50% late fee.

Licenses for veterinarians and technicians may be completed online or by paper format.

Complaints and Disciplinary Action

During 2019-20, the board received three complaints involving five licensed veterinarians; two complaints each named two veterinarians at the same practice. Complaints against three of the veterinarians were dismissed and two resulted in settlement agreements. As of June 30, 2020, three licensed veterinarians are under current disciplinary action; two of those mentioned above who have settlement agreements and one whose license is on indefinite probation as a result of previous action by the board.

Practice Act and Rule Changes

During 2019-20 the board began the process of updating the Board Rules. This update should go before the legislative committee during the 2020-21 year.

NAVLE

For the November-December 2019 testing window, five North Dakota candidates took the NAVLE and two passed. The April 2020 NAVLE testing window was disrupted by COVID-19 but four candidates were able to take the NAVLE during May-July 2020 and three of them passed.

VTNE

During the 2019-20 testing window a total of 20 North Dakota candidates took the VTNE and 14 passed the exam.

Board Membership

In October 2019 Ms. Janell Morman was appointed to a three-year term as the veterinary technician member and Mr. Thomas Job was appointed to a three-year term as the public member. They replaced Ms. Lynn Priebe and Ms. Carmel Miller. Their terms will expire in June 2022. Dr. Woodruff was appointed for a third three-year term on the board through June 2023. The terms of Dr. Russell Behm and Dr. Tammy Weiland-Ness run through June 2021.

Attorney

Ms. Nici Meyer served as the board attorney through May 2020. Mr. Joseph Bialke was appointed to succeed Ms. Meyer.

Continuing Education

There were many disruptions to continuing education due to COVID-19. The board has allowed any conference which has been converted from an in-person to an online format to be accepted as valid continuing education, even if the number of credits exceeds the allowed number of online credits.

Website

The board's website, www.ndbvme.org, includes copies of applications, complaint forms, links to the practice act and board rules, and a search feature that allows users to access the licensure status of North Dakota veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Meetings

The board generally has two meetings per year. The fall meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020 and the spring meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2021. Both meetings will be at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Staff and Office

Dr. Sara Lyons has served as the Executive Secretary of the board since August 2019. The board office is currently in Lisbon ND.