



North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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NDBVME Annual Report

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Sara Lyons, DVM ~ Executive Secretary

Licenses

As of July 31, 2021, there were 511 veterinarians actively licensed in North Dakota, a decrease of thirteen from last year. This included 262 licensees with a ND business address. Twenty-nine veterinarians had not renewed their licenses for 2021-22 including four with a ND business address. The renewal fee for veterinarians is \$75, with a 50% late fee for renewals received after June 30.

Seven veterinarians were approved for licensure in North Dakota at the November 12, 2020 meeting and nineteen were approved at the June 8, 2021 meeting.

Twenty-seven veterinarians were deleted from the list of licensees after June 30, 2021 for non-renewal.

As of July 31, 2021, there were 330 veterinary technicians actively licensed in North Dakota, a decrease of 49 from last year. In 2020-21, eighteen technician licenses were issued. Thirteen licensees will be two years in arrears and will be deleted if they do not renew by December 31, 2021. The renewal fee for technicians is \$15 with a 50% late fee for renewals received after December 31.

Complaints and Disciplinary Action

During 2020-21, the board received two complaints involving two licensed veterinarians. One complaint was dismissed, and one complaint resulted in a settlement agreement. As of July 31, 2021, three licensed veterinarians are under current disciplinary action; one of those mentioned above who has a settlement agreement, one whose license is on probation pending CE verification and one whose license is on indefinite probation because of previous action by the board.

Practice Act and Rule Changes

During 2019-20 the board began the process of updating the Board Rules. The public comment period was held during February-March 2021 and a final rules update was passed by the board on June 8, 2021. The rules update was submitted to the Attorney General's office for review.

NAVLE

During the July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 testing window, a total of 8 North Dakota candidates took the NAVLE and all passed the exam.

VTNE

During the July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 testing window, a total of 21 North Dakota candidates took the VTNE and 18 passed the exam.

Board Membership

Dr. Carolyn Woodruff is the current board president and Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness is the secretary. The terms of Dr. Russell Behm and Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness were renewed for a second term through June 2024. Other board members include LVT representative Ms. Janell Morman and public representative Mr. Thomas Job.

Attorney

Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Attorney General, is the current board attorney.

Continuing Education

There have been many disruptions to continuing education due to COVID-19, but many in-person meetings and conferences have resumed. Until otherwise notified, 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 complain 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.

The board has updated the database and renewal system. Effective September 1, 2021 all DVM and LVT renewals and applications must be completed online. Instructions for completion and links to the online system can be found on the website.

Meetings

The board generally has two meetings per year. The fall meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021 and the spring meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022. 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.