



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 August 1, 2023, there were 500 veterinarians with current licenses in North Dakota, an increase of fifteen from last year. This included 313 licensees with a North Dakota business address. Thirty-two veterinarians had not renewed their licenses for 2023-24 including ten with a North Dakota business address. The renewal fee for veterinarians is \$90, with a 50% late fee for renewals received after June 30th.

Seven veterinarians were approved for licensure in North Dakota at the November 1, 2022 meeting and fourteen were approved at the June 6, 2023 meeting. Eighteen veterinarians were deleted from the list of licensees after June 30, 2023 for non-renewal.

As of August 1, 2023, there were 329 veterinary technicians with current licenses in North Dakota, a decrease of ten from last year. In 2022-23, twenty-four technician licenses were issued. Twenty-one licensees will be two years in arrears and will be deleted if they do not renew by December 31, 2023. The renewal fee for technicians is \$25 with a 50% late fee for renewals received after December 31st.

Complaints and Disciplinary Action

During 2022-23, the board received five complaints involving licensed veterinarians. Three complaints were dismissed and two complaints are currently under review. As of July 31, 2023, one licensee is under disciplinary action whose license is on indefinite probation because of previous action by the board.

Practice Act and Rule Changes

At the June 7, 2022 meeting the board entered into discussion with the NDVMA regarding the need for changes to the Practice Act. This discussion has been ongoing and the NDBVME plans to present proposed revisions to the legislature during the 2025 session.

NAVLE

During the 2022-23 testing window, a total of five North Dakota candidates took the NAVLE and four passed the exam.

VTNE

During the 2022-23 testing window, a total of twenty-seven North Dakota candidates took the VTNE and twenty passed the exam.

Board Membership

Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness is the current board president and Ms. Janell Morman, LVT is the secretary. Naomi Day was named as the public representative to replace Thomas Job on October 10, 2022 and Dr. Lindy West was named to replace Dr. Carolyn Woodruff on July 1, 2023. Dr. Russell Behm is the fifth board member.

Attorney

Mr. Matt Menge, Assistant Attorney General, is the current board attorney.

Continuing Education

The revised Board Rules allow for half of the required CE credits to be obtained through technology-based methods. This includes both live and pre-recorded webinars and other virtual CE. The remaining half of CE credits are required to be completed through in-person CE. The board may make allowances for special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Website

The board's website, www.ndbvme.org, includes copies of 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.

Effective September 1, 2021 all DVM and LVT renewals and applications are to be completed online. Instructions for completion and links to the online system can be found on the website.

Meetings

The board has two regular meetings per year and special meetings as needed to conduct board business. The fall meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. The June 2024 meeting is to be determined.

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.