

Arizona Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. State and National Requirements

- a)** If you have graduated from an AVMA accredited college, you must have proof of attendance and graduation and a transcript, which should be submitted by your college.
- b)** If you are NOT from an accredited veterinary college, you will need either a certificate of completion of the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program, or sufficient clinical education equal to that of students in AVMA accredited schools.
- c)** Application Packet
- d)** For a comprehensive list of application qualifications, see [here](#).

2. Relevant Fees

- \$400 licensing application fee.
- \$100-200 issuance fee, \$100 for even-numbered years and \$200 for odd.



Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

If you are or have ever been licensed to practice in another state, U.S. territory, or Canadian province, verification forms must be submitted by the respective licensing boards.

Additional Required Testing:

1. Prior to applying, you must have passed the NAVLE (for previously unlicensed applicants, you must have passed within the last five years).
 - You can apply for this exam through the [ICVA](#); however, AZ does not qualify applicants to take the NAVLE.
2. Once you have submitted your application to the board, they will determine if you qualify for the Arizona State licensing exam, where you must achieve a score of 75% (minimum).
3. The state licensing exam is currently offered on specific scheduled dates, and applications must be submitted 30 days prior to that date to take the exam.
 - The information covered on the exam can be found [here](#).
4. Processing time for your application will take at least 15 days, and then another two weeks following the State Exam for grading.

Mandatory Documentation:


In Arizona, you are required to submit your fingerprints for a criminal background check and then submit those to the board.

Temporary License:

- In Arizona, there is a \$75 application fee for a temporary permit.
- To submit, you must be able to name the fully licensed “Responsible Veterinarian” who will oversee your clinical practice, and they must submit a signed letter agreeing to such.
- Further instructions and Affidavit letter can be found [here](#).


FAQ:

“I’m licensed in another state within the U.S., and therefore have passed the NAVLE. Do I still need to complete a license application, and if so, which parts?”

-  If you are licensed in another state, you have two different applications that you can submit for for a license in Arizona.
- For a universal recognition license, you must prove residency in AZ, and have been working for at least one year in another state.
 - To apply via endorsement, you must have been working in another state for three of the immediate past five years (or six of the immediate 10), and pay a \$750 application fee. When applying by endorsement, you do not need to prove residency.
 - Additionally, your endorsement application must include a transcript from your Veterinary college, your NAVLE scores, and letters of good standing from the states in which you currently possess a license. You will need to have three letters of recommendation of your moral character submitted to the board as well.
 - For more information, see [here](#) for Universal Recognition and [here](#) for Endorsement.

FAQ Continued:

“What are the Continuing Education requirements in Arizona?”

 All fully-licensed veterinarians in Arizona are required to fulfill their CE, which entails 20 hours of CE practices every two years. Of these 20 hours, three (minimum) must focus on substance disbursement and abuse. No more than two hours may be credited for practice management-focused courses.

- For a list of approved CE courses and renewal procedures, see [here](#).
- There is a \$25 approval review process for CE submissions.
- For your initial license, you only need to complete 10 hours of CE prior to your initial renewal date.
- In AZ, your license expires on the 31st of every even-numbered year, and you must submit for renewal online prior to this date.



Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 5/5/2023.