

# Connecticut Veterinary Licensing Requirements



## Board Applications

### 1. Application

Complete [Connecticut State Application](#) online. Applications take 4 to 6 weeks to process for candidates licensed in other states and faster for candidates receiving their first license.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. EDUCATION:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#), OR graduates of foreign colleges must meet the requirements of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) or Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalent (PAVE). Transcript or certification must be sent directly to Board from the applicable organization.
- 2.** Pass the NAVLE OR the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and have your scores sent directly to the Board. You can use the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) to send your scores for a fee of \$99. This requirement can be waived if you've been practicing or teaching veterinary medicine continuously for 5 years prior to application.

If you have ever held a license in another state, Canadian territory, or Washington D.C., you must fill in the top portion of the [Veterinary Licensure Verification Form](#) and forward it to the appropriate board(s) for their direct submission to the Connecticut State Board.

### 2. Relevant Fees

Application fee: **\$565**

Renewal fee: **\$570**

Reinstatement fee: **\$565**



## Renewal & Reinstatement

1. Licenses are renewed annually on the last day of your birth month.
  - a. You must renew during your birth month the first year you hold your license, regardless of when you initially received your license. This includes paying the associated renewal fee of **\$570**.
2. If you don't renew on time, you have a **90 day grace period** during which you may continue to practice. If the license is not renewed by the 91st day following expiration, it becomes void, and you must apply for reinstatement.
3. **Reinstatement:**
  - a. Complete notarized **application** with photo and a **\$565** payment.
  - b. Submit a current CV / Resume including a synopsis of all professional activity since completion of your veterinary education program.
  - c. Submit verification of all licenses ever held, current or expired, using the **Veterinary License Verification Form**.
  - d. Submit documentation of 12 hours of completed CE within 1 year prior to application.

## CE Requirements:

1. **24 Hours** of CE are required every 2 years. This requirement waived for your first renewal.
2. Qualifying CE:
  - a. Must be in the area of the licensee's practice and reflect their professional needs
  - b. In-person and online courses qualify for CE if they are approved by national or state veterinary medical organizations, societies, associations, colleges, or schools.
3. It's recommended you retain all your CE documentation for at least three years.
4. **EXEMPTION:** If you're not actively practicing or have a disability/illness, complete this **application** and have it notarized and accompanied by certification from a licensed physician verifying your disability or illness to receive exemption.

## Temporary License:


Temporary licenses are valid for 120 days and are non-renewable.

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a practicing veterinarian licensed, in good standing, in another state, territory, or Washington D.C. with similar standards to Connecticut, and you must have been continuously practicing or teaching veterinary medicine for the last 5 years. Temporary permits will not be issued to anyone with pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaints.
- 2.** Must submit a copy of your current license with a notarized affidavit attesting the license belongs to you.
- 3.** Must complete [Connecticut State Application](#) and submit the **\$565 fee**. This fee covers both your temporary permit and license.
- 4.** You must complete the [Veterinary License Verification Form](#) and [Veterinary Work Experience Form](#). Both must be submitted directly the Board by the appropriate authority.




## FAQ:

### What if I haven't graduated at the time of my application?

 Candidates who have not yet graduated may apply for licensure before taking the NAVLE if their test date falls within 8 months of their graduation. A letter from their university's registrar's office will be required to verify your graduation date.

### What if I have an investigation pending in another state?

 Licenses will not be issued to any applicants who have unresolved complaints in any state, territory, or Washington D.C.

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Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 5/24/2023.