

# Georgia 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)** You can find the Application here.
- d)** For a comprehensive list of application qualifications, see here, and for further instructions, see here.

### 2. Relevant Fees

- \$110 licensing application fee, and a \$5.00 online processing fee.



## 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:

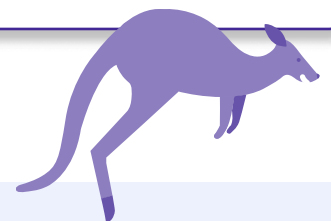
1. Prior to applying, you must have passed the NAVLE (for previously unlicensed applicants, you must have passed within the last five years).
  - You can apply for this exam through the [ICVA](#).
2. The state licensing exam can be downloaded online and must be completed before your application can be approved.
3. 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 Georgia, you are required to submit your fingerprints for a criminal background check and then submit those to the board. You can do that via [this form](#).


## Temporary License:

- In Georgia, you may apply for a temporary license if you are a current, transitioning, or spouse of a military service member.




## 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 should apply for a DVM license in GA.
- This license requires verified proof of previous/current licenses in other states, as well as the standard requirements for a license, such as a background check and NAVLE scores.
  - Additionally, the states in which you currently hold a license will need to submit verification of your license to the GVMB.

**“What are the Continuing Education requirements in Georgia?”**

-  All fully-licensed veterinarians in Georgia are required to fulfill their CE, which entails 30 hours of CE practices every two years. Of these 30 hours, two must focus on laws, rules, and professionalism. No more than two hours may be credited for practice management-focused courses.
- To submit an application for a new or currently unrecognized CE program to the GA board, see [here](#).
  - To apply for license renewal, beyond completing your CE there is a \$200 renewal fee to be paid with your application, and if your application is late the fee increases to \$300.
  - For more information regarding CE requirements and programs, please see [here](#).

## FAQ Continued:

“I just applied for my license in Georgia. How long should I expect to wait before I hear back from the board?”

 Congratulations! The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Licensure usually takes twenty business days to process and respond to applications. Applications are evaluated based on the order they are received in.



Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/5/2023.