

Louisiana Veterinary Licensing Requirements



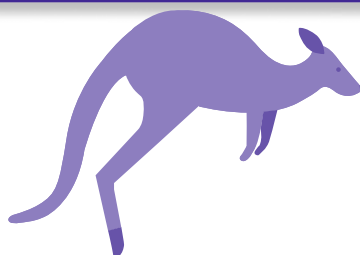
Board Applications

1. Application

Apply online and submit documents through the [LBVM Application Portal](#).

Requirements

1. Must be at least 21 years old.
2. **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#) and have your transcript OR copy of your diploma sent directly from your school to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (LBVM).
 - a. Current Students not enrolled at LSU must submit a [Certificate of Anticipated Graduation](#) and have your transcript/diploma submitted upon graduation.
 - b. **Foreign Graduates** must submit a certificate from or proof of enrollment in an ECFVG or PAVE program OR proof of enrollment in the 4th Year of an accredited US veterinary school.
3. Submit NAVLE Scores directly from the ICVA or AAVSB. A report from the National Disciplinary Database must be included in your transfer.
 - a. **Students or Recent Graduates** applying for your first license can register to take the NAVLE at www.ICVA.net and have their scores submitted directly to the LBVM.
 - b. **Practicing DVMs** previously licensed in another state can transfer their scores using the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) for a fee of \$99.
 - c. NAVLE results are valid for 5 years, after which you must re-take the NAVLE. This requirement is waived if you have continuously practiced for 5 years (see next page).



2. Relevant Fees

1. Total: \$605

- a. \$100 – Application Fee
- b. \$250 – Original DVM License Fee
- c. \$200 – State Board Exam Fee
- d. \$55 – LA Jurisprudence Exam Fee



Practicing Veterinarians & Verification of Existing Licenses

1. Previously licensed veterinarians must submit a **[LBVM Certificate of Valid Licensure](#)** for any out-of-state licenses currently or previously held. This must be submitted directly by the issuing state board. Alternatively, the issuing board can submit a letter to the LBVM.
2. **Licensed DVMs practicing 5 years or more:** Can obtain a NAVLE retake waiver by emailing the following documents from the past five years to **director@lsbvm.org** or **admin@lsbvm.org** after completing your application:
 - a. Letters of employment verification, on company letterhead, signed by employers.
 - b. Copies of tax transcripts (available for free **[here](#)**).
 - c. Your most recent paystub prior to date of application from current employers showing year-to-date earnings in the current year.
 - d. Optionally, you may attach a letter explaining any gaps or weeks where you worked less than 20 hours.

*Must have practiced veterinary medicine at least 20 hours per week over the last 5 years with no substantial gaps to qualify and must still submit original national exam scores.

Additional Required Testing:

1. Louisiana State Jurisprudence Exam — Instructions can be found [here](#).
 - a. The LBVM has prepared a [study guide](#) for the exam. Score of 70% required to pass.
 - b. The exam covers the Louisiana Practice Act, found [here](#).
 - c. [Sign up](#) to take exam online or in person at a LBVM office.
 - d. If you fail the exam, you will need to retake it and repay the \$55 exam fee.
 - e. If you have a disability or require any accommodations, use this [Request for Accommodation Form](#). Must be submitted 2 weeks prior to your test date.

Mandatory Documentation:

1. A recent passport-style photograph
2. 3 [Letters of Reference of Personal and Professional Character](#) – At least two must be submitted by licensed DVMs and the third from another professional who can attest to your professional capabilities and ethical standards. Reference must have known you for at least 1 year in a professional capacity. None can be related to you or enrolled in the same curriculum. Letters must be submitted directly to the Board from the writer.
3. Declarations — If you respond “yes” to any of the questions in the Declarations section of the application, additional documentation may be required. Previous criminal convictions may cause your application to be denied.



Expedited Military License

Military members, spouses, and dependents, please email director@lsbvm.org before starting your application.

1. If you are licensed in another state and have practiced for over 90 days or have been awarded a military occupational specialty equivalent to the LA license requirements, you may be issued an expedited license.
2. You must still submit all required documents and your/your spouse's current military orders OR evidence of military credentials. Spouses must include marriage license.
3. Renewal fees may be waived for up to 3 years if deployed to active duty.

Renewal

1. All licenses expire annually on **September 30th at 11:59pm CST**. If you do not renew by this deadline, you can no longer practice and you will have to pay a \$150 late fee.
2. ***Proof of CE for the upcoming renewal period must be submitted prior to July 1st.** If do not submit proof of CE on time, this is considered a late renewal.
3. Licenses can be renewed online using the [LBVM Licensing Portal](#). No renewal forms will be mailed. All CE must be entered prior to starting the renewal process.
4. **Renewal Fee: \$257.25** (includes credit card and transaction fees)
5. **Renewing Expired License:** You may renew an expired license for up to five years, after which you will have to apply for a new license. To renew an expired license, email admin@lsbvm.org or call **(225)925-6620** to receive more details. You will likely have to pay any back fees, including late fees, and complete required CE hours.

CE Requirements:

1. **20 hours** of CE are required annually between July 1st and June 30th. **(NOTE: This is different from the Renewal Period).**
 - a. Hours obtained after June 30th but before the September 30th renewal deadline can still be counted toward the current renewal period, but you will have to pay a \$25 to \$50 late CE fee. CE hours cannot be applied to more than one renewal.
 - b. A maximum of 10 hours can be obtained online (including interactive Zoom meetings) or through video-taped, self-test programs.
2. CE can be tracked and submitted in real time using the [LBVM Licensing Portal](#). You may also submit a [Record of Personal Participation Form](#) along with a Certificate of Attendance for large conferences.
3. Accepted CE includes any program approved by another state's veterinary board, government entity, the AAVSB, or by AVMA accredited schools or professional associates. The Board maintains an updated [list of accepted CE programs](#). Any other program must be submitted for pre-approval using this [CE Approval Request Form](#).
4. CE presenters may submit hours for their preparation and presentation of CE material.
5. You can obtain up to 6 CE hours annually by attending LBVM Board Meetings.

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Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/12/2023.