

New York Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. Application

Complete the [New York State Application](#) online. After completing your application, additional documents can be uploaded [here](#). For all forms below, complete Section I before sending to institution to complete Section II and submit directly to the Department. All application forms can be found here on [Department of Education website](#).

REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be 21 years or older, and must be of “good moral character.”

2. EDUCATION:

- a. **PRE-PROFESSIONAL:** Undergraduate school must submit this [Form](#).
- b. **PROFESSIONAL:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited](#) or Department-approved college with 4 years of study, including 1 year of clinical training, leading to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree. School must submit this [Form](#).
- c. Graduates from unaccredited veterinary colleges must submit evidence of an equivalent education in length and content, which can include:
 - i. Residency/internship with an AVMA-accredited veterinary medicine program
 - ii. Certification from the ECFVG forwarded by the AVMA to the Board
 - iii. Formal agreement between an unaccredited veterinary school and an accredited veterinary medicine program, which assures equivalency in length and content.
- d. [Certification of Clinical Training Form](#) must be submitted by appropriate institution.

3. EXAM: Must pass the NAVLE OR the NBE and CCT and have your scores sent directly to the Board. You can transfer either scores using the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) for a fee of \$99.

2. Relevant Fees

\$372 application fees

- Can be paid by credit card online or personal check/money order to the “New York State Education Department.”



3. Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses

1. If you are or have ever been licensed in another state, U.S. territory, or Canadian province, submit verification forms directly from the respective licensing boards.
2. Applicants licensed in good standing in another state who meet all other requirements but have not passed the CCT are still eligible for licensure via endorsement if you submit the **Verification of Out of State Licensure** and **Verification of Professional Practice** forms.
3. License verifications can be emailed to **DPLSVerif@nysed.gov**.

4. Other Documentation

1. After submitting your application, the Board will conduct a criminal background check.

Temporary License

Limited Permit

1. For applicants who meet all requirements except having passed the NAVLE.
2. [Apply online here](#) and submit payment and supervisor form below.
3. **\$105** Limited Permit Fee.
4. Must work under a fully licensed New Your State veterinarian. Submit [this form](#) filled out by your supervising veterinarian.
5. Valid for 1 year or until 10 days after notification you have failed the NAVLE.

Renewal


1. Licenses expire every 3 years and can be [renewed online here](#) within 5 months of your license expiration or no more than 4 months after your license has expired.
2. Must have the 7-digit pin number from your renewal form or look it up using this [link](#).
3. **\$287** Renewal Fee, can be paid online by credit card.

Continuing Education

1. **45 hours** of CE required every 3 year renewal period.
2. New licensees are exempt from CE requirements for their first renewal period.
3. Up to 22 1/2 hours of CE can be obtained through online or self-instructed coursework.
4. CE hours can be earned by providing free spay or neutering services using this [form](#).
The form does not need to be submitted, but it's recommended you keep it for your records. These CE hours count towards the same 22 1/2 hour limit listed above.
5. At least 2 hours of CE must focus on the use, misuse, documentation, safeguarding, or prescribing of controlled substances.
6. It is recommended you retain all records for 6 years in case of audit.

FAQ:

How do I change my address or name outside of the renewal process?

 You are required by law to update any changes to your name or address on file within 30 days.

You can change your address online using [this form](#).

Name changes cannot be submitted online. You must complete [this form](#) and mail it with all required documents.

Contact

The best way to contact the New York State Education Department is to use their online [Contact Us Form](#).

The other emails found here are for license verification and document submission only and will not be reviewed for questions or information requests.

Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 8/10/2023.

