

Pennsylvania Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. Application

Online application can be found [here](#).

Requirements

1. **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Must submit proof of graduation from an approved school or college of veterinary medicine OR certificate of equivalence from the ECFVG or PAVE.
2. **EXAM REQUIREMENTS:** Must have passed the NAVLE OR the National Board Exam (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and have your scores sent to the Board through a national exam reporting service such as the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) (\$99 fee).
3. **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:** A period of clinical experience in a veterinary practice is required for all students of an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#).
4. **RECIPROCITY:** See dedicated section on Pg 2.

2. Relevant Fees

- **\$35.00** Initial Fee
- **\$360.00** Renewal Fee every 2 years



3. Verify additional existing veterinary licenses

1. If you are or have ever been licensed to practice in another state, U.S. territory, or Canadian province, a letter of good standing must be submitted by each state's licensing board that includes the outcome of any disciplinary action.

4. Mandatory Documentation

1. You must submit a statement attesting you have not been convicted of any felonies, especially those relating to a controlled substance, in the past 10 years.
2. Here is a [list of criminal convictions](#) that could prevent you from getting licensed.

Reciprocity License

Pennsylvania does not offer Temporary Licenses but instead offers a reciprocity licensing process for vets who have practiced clinically for the last 5 years.

1. Must be licensed in another state with substantially equivalent licensing requirements with no disciplinary action against your license nor criminal convictions.
2. Must have practiced veterinary medicine clinically for the last 5 years and submit verification describing in detail your clinical experience during that time.
3. Submit verification of licensure from the state where you currently practice, which must show your license has been active for the preceding 5 years.
4. Submit letters of good standing from each state board where you've ever held a license.
5. Submit 2 certificates of recommendation from licensed veterinarians in the state where you practiced attesting to your experience and moral character.
6. Pay **\$35.00** initial licensing fee.

Renewal & CE

1. Licenses expire every 2 years on November 30th of each even-numbered year
2. License renewal fee: **\$360.00**.
3. You must report during your renewal if you are licensed in any other state.
4. **30 hours** of CE are required each 2-year renewal period.
 - a. Up to 7.5 hours may be fulfilled through independent study or virtual courses that include an online assessment.
 - b. **Office management or practice building courses are not accepted as CE hours.**
 - c. Use [this application](#) to apply for CE approval or see a list of accepted CE providers.
5. If you fail to renew by November 30th, your license expires and you must stop practicing.
6. Late Renewals will be charged a late fee of **\$5 per month**.
7. **REACTIVATION:** If you did not practice in Pennsylvania while your license was expired, you can reactivate by paying all outstanding fees and submitting proof of CE.
 - a. You will not be assessed late fees for any biennial period when you did not practice.
 - b. You must submit an Affidavit of Non-Practice attesting you abstained from practice in Pennsylvania while you were unlicensed.

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Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 9/28/2023.