

Rhode Island Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. Application

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

Requirements

- EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#) and have your transcript sent directly to the Board.
 - Foreign Graduates:** See section below.
- Must pass the NAVLE OR the National Board Exam (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and have your scores sent directly to the Board. You can transfer your scores using the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) for a fee of \$99.
- MILITARY APPLICANTS:** If applying for expedited military status, include one of: Leave Earning Statement, Letter from Command, Copy of Orders, or DD-214.

2. Relevant Fees

\$580 application fee



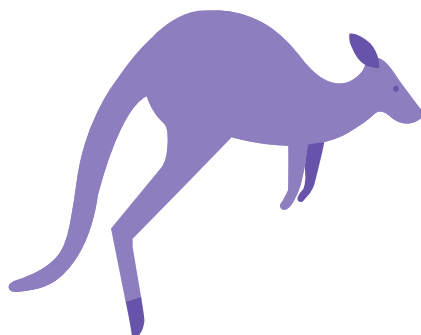
3. Foreign Graduates

Foreign graduates will have their education evaluated by the Board on an individual basis. In addition to the above documents, please provide:

1. Certified copy (and translation) of veterinary diploma with an affidavit it belongs to you.
2. Evidence of pre-veterinary education requirements of the Association of the American Veterinary Colleges and the Commission on Veterinary Medical Education of the AVMA.
3. Certificate from Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG).
4. Foreign graduates will not be considered if they were dismissed from any American Veterinary Medical School at any time.

Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

1. If you have ever been licensed in another state, send license verification(s) from any state(s) where you hold or have ever held a license using the Interstate Verification Form included [here](#) and in the application.



Mandatory Documentation

1. Two-by-two inch passport-style photograph.
 - a. **Foreign Graduates** must have their photo verified by the ECFVG.
2. **Rhode Island Tax Affidavit** - Must have filed all tax returns and must not owe any outstanding tax payments to the state of Rhode Island if applicable.

Renewal

1. Licenses last for 2 years and expire on **May 1st** of each even-numbered year.
2. **Renew online** and pay **\$580** renewal fee.
3. Renewal Applications will be mailed on March 1st of even-numbered years, and you must **renew by March 31st** or be penalized with a **\$120** late renewal fee. If you do not receive your registration code, you can obtain it by emailing doh.elicense@health.ri.gov.



CE Requirements:

1. **24 hours** of CE are required every 2 years with the following restrictions:
 - a. At least 20 hours must relate to the professional practice of veterinary medicine.
 - b. A maximum of 4 hours may be non-contact hours (i.e. online courses) or articles.
 - c. A maximum of 4 hours may relate to business management.
2. If you receive your license after May 1st of an even year, you are exempt from CE requirements until the next cycle.
3. Approved CE include courses offered by: Rhode Island VMA or other state veterinary medical association, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE), American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), veterinary licensing boards of other states, academic coursework or continuing education programs offered by an approved school of veterinary medicine.
4. You are responsible for maintaining your own documentation. It is recommended you keep all documentation for 4 years. You may be randomly audited by the Board.
5. CE requirements may be extended by 6 months if you experienced hardship.

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Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/28/2023.