

South Carolina Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

EXAM PROCESS: For applicants who have taken the NAVLE in last 5 years or are scheduled to take the exam. [Apply online](#) or mail [paper application](#) with all documents.

ENDORSEMENT PROCESS: For applicants currently licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction. [Apply online](#) or mail [paper application](#) with all associated documents.

Before starting, print the below forms to be uploaded during the online application process:

1. [Exam Application Documents](#)
2. [Endorsement Application Documents](#)

1. Requirements

1. **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#) or college approved by the Board and have transcript emailed directly to contact.vetboard@llr.sc.gov or mailed to the mailing address below.
 - a. Foreign Graduates must submit a certificate from the ECFVG or PAVE directly from the issuing organization along with their transcript.
 - b. Senior students may submit an attested letter from their college establishing their senior status and date of examination.
2. You must have successfully passed the NAVLE 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.
 - a. Exam Process applicants must have passed the NAVLE in the last 5 years.
 - b. Endorsement Process applicants may alternatively have passed the NBE and CCT.
3. **Endorsement Only:** Submit proof of 30 hours of CE within 2 years preceding application.

2. Relevant Fees

1. **\$175 – Application Fee** (both processes)



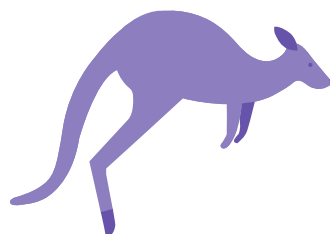
Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

1. You must submit License Verification(s) for any state in which you hold or have ever held a license directly to the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medicine from the issuing board, and all licenses must be in good standing.

Additional Required Testing:

1. South Carolina Jurisprudence Exam

- a. Once your initial application is approved, you'll be emailed a User ID to take the Jurisprudence Exam online. A score of 70 or higher is required to pass. If you fail the exam, you may retake the exam within 24 hours.
- b. You can prepare for the exam by reviewing South Carolina's [laws and statutes](#).
- c. Follow this link to [take the exam online](#).



Mandatory Documentation:

1. Copy of Driver's License, State-issued ID, or Passport
2. Copy of Social Security Card, signed
3. Notarized Verification of Lawful Presence Form (included in above applications)
4. 2" x 2" Passport Photo with Notarized Signature Form (included in above applications)
5. Legal name change documentation if applicable
6. Personal History Questionnaire (included in application) with attached written explanation for any questions you answered "yes" to.

Renewal and Reinstatement

1. **RENEWAL:** Licenses must be renewed biennially on March 31st of odd-numbered years. [2023 - 2025 Renewal Application](#) found here.
 - a. Renewal Fee: **\$300**.
 - b. If you fail to renew on time, you cannot practice until you have renewed your license.
 - c. If you renew between April 1st and April 30th, you must pay a **\$100** late renewal fee.
 - d. If you do not renew by April 30th, your license has lapsed and must be reinstated.
 - e. Attach any legal name change documentation with your renewal if applicable.
2. **REINSTATEMENT:** If your license lapsed in the last 3 years, you can apply for reinstatement using this [application](#) and include:
 - a. Reinstatement Fee: **\$550**.
 - b. License verification if currently or previously licensed in another state.
 - c. Must complete 30 hours of CE and submit associated documentation.
 - d. You must re-take the jurisprudence exam (see above).
 - e. Submit Copy of State-issued Photo ID or Passport AND Social Security Card.
 - f. Notarized verification of lawful presence form (included in above applications).
 - g. Personal history questionnaire (included in above applications).
3. If your license has lapsed for more than 3 years, you must re-apply for a new license.

CE Requirements:

1. **30 hours** of CE are required every 2-year renewal period, of which:
 - a. At least 22 hours must be in clinical medical courses.
 - b. No more than 8 hours can be taken in practice management or practice building.
 - c. No more than 15 hours can be obtained through distance learning programs.
 - d. No more than 3 hours (each) can be obtained from journal or audio programs.
2. Use **CE Broker** to self-report and track your CE hours, which has a mobile app for **iPhone** and **Android**. Most CE providers will report your hours for you, but the process can take up to 30 days. You can manually enter CE info if it does not appear.
3. CE requirements are waived for your first year of licensure.
 - a. If you receive your license between April 1st of an odd-numbered year and March 31st of an even-numbered year, you must complete 15 hours of CE.
 - b. If you receive your license between April 1st of an even year and March 31st of an odd year, you are not required to complete any CE.
4. Residency programs do not count towards CE.
5. CE courses qualify for credit if they are endorsed or approved by: AVMA, AAHA, SCAV, RACE, state association-sponsored academies, AVMA recognized specialty boards, or approved schools of veterinary medicine.
6. Upon written request, you can apply for a waiver of renewal and CE requirements for up to 3 years due to a medical disability, which prevents you from practicing.



Military Spouse License

If you are licensed in another state AND married to and living with an active member of the United States Armed Services who is relocated to and stationed in South Carolina, you are eligible for an expedited Military Spouse License. Fill out this [form](#), and the Board will reach out to you to help you receive your license.

Required documents:

1. [Veterinary License Application](#)
2. Copy of spouse's orders including duty and assignment dates
3. Verification of licensure from home state

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Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/8/2023.