

# Virginia Veterinary Licensing Requirements



## Board Applications

### 1. Application

State and national requirements

- a)** If you have graduated from an AVMA accredited college, you must have proof of attendance, graduation, and a transcript, which should be submitted by your college.
- b)** If you are NOT from an accredited veterinary college, you will need either a certificate of completion of the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program, or sufficient clinical education equal to that of students in AVMA accredited schools.
- c)** You can find the online application portal here.
- d)** For the comprehensive application instructions and form, please see here.

### 2. Relevant Fees

- \$200.00 Application Fee



## 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, verification forms must be submitted by the respective licensing boards.

## Additional Required Testing:

1. Prior to applying, you must have passed the NAVLE (for previously unlicensed applicants, you must have passed within the last five years).
  - You can apply for this exam through the [ICVA](#).
2. There is no separate state licensing exam in Virginia.

## Mandatory Documentation:


- In Virginia, by submitting an application for a veterinary license, you consent to undergoing a background check and are required to inform the board whether or not you have been convicted of criminal charges in the past.

## Temporary License:


- In Virginia, temporary licenses are available for interns and resident students under supervision of a fully licensed veterinarian.

## FAQ:

**“I’m licensed in another state within the U.S., and therefore have passed the NAVLE. Do I still need to complete a license application, and if so, which parts?”**

-  If you are licensed in another state and have completed clinical practice for at least two of the past four years, you qualify for licensure via Endorsement in Virginia.
1. This license requires verified proof of previous/current licenses in other states, meaning that the states in which you currently hold a license will need to submit verification of your license to the Virginia Department of State.
  2. Endorsement licenses require documentation of clinical practices from the past four years, submitted to the board for examination.
  3. Additionally, you will need to have completed 30 hours of Continuing Education work within the past two years.

**“What are the Continuing Education Requirements in Virginia?”**

-  All fully-licensed veterinarians in Illinois are required to fulfill their CE, which entails a minimum of 15 hours of Continuing Education coursework every year.
- a. For further information regarding the CE Requirements and license renewal in VA, see [here](#).
  - b. In Virginia, if you have an active license, there is a \$175 renewal fee to be paid annually.
  - c. To apply for license renewal, please see the online portal found [here](#).

Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/5/2023.