

Information Regarding Licensure, Application and Continuing Education Due To COVID-19 Virus

In response to the current COVID-19 virus concerns, the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board is providing the following information to ensure that Missouri veterinarians can continue to work and to obtain licensure in Missouri. The Board will continue to review its regulations and there may be additional changes. If you have any questions about your license, application, and/or the requirements for continuing education, please contact the Board office via email (vets@pr.mo.gov). We are not physically present in the office, but are working and responding to e-mails.

- All licensees will still be required to obtain the required hours of continuing education for 2020, but these hours can be obtained by any combination of live programs, webinars, electronic, computer or interactive material that is prepared or sponsored by any of the organizations defined in 20 CSR 2270-4.042 (8). Hourly limits for credits for non-scientific and publications, etc. remain in place (see 20 CSR 2270-4.042 (7)). If a veterinarian or veterinary technician is unable to obtain the required CE hours for 2020, they will need to request a waiver from the Board prior to renewal of their license.
- The 320 hour requirements for a preceptorship/internship have not been waived at this time. If a student or applicant has not completed the hours prior to graduation or licensure, the applicant must apply for and be issued a Provisional license to complete the remaining hours. It is important that the Provisional license be issued prior to practicing and obtaining the hours. To do so without a provisional license would be practicing without a license.
- The NAVLE April 2020 Testing Window will run through June 30, 2020. Testing Centers will be closed through May 1, 2020. The NAVLE November/December Testing windows deadline date is August 1, 2020.
- The VTNE July/August 2020 deadline date has been changed to June 25, 2020. All applications, fee and official transcripts must be received by that date.
- While the Division of Professional Registration is closed to the public, all applications may still be mailed to the office. The applications are being processed in date order received and notifications regarding the status is sent once processed.
- Veterinary facilities renewals expired on March 31, 2020. If you have not yet submitted the renewal, please mail the renewal and fee as soon as possible to avoid any penalties.
- If you hold a veterinary or veterinary technician license from any other state and wish to practice in Missouri, you must obtain a Missouri license – either a provisional license or full licensure before practicing in Missouri.

Please bear with us during this difficult time and stay safe.