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20 CSR 2270-2.011 Educational Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule defines the educational requirements for an individual to be licensed as a veterinarian in Missouri.

(1) To meet the educational requirements for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Missouri, an applicant must have received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree or its equivalent from a university or school that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

(2) In the alternative, an applicant must have graduated from an AVMA-listed, nonaccredited university or school of veterinary medicine located inside or outside the United States, its territories or Canada. This degree must be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the board that s/he has earned and currently holds an Educational Commission of Foreign Veterinary Graduate (ECFVG) certificate provided by the AVMA or its successor.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.228 and 340.230, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.011. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.011, effective Aug. 28, 2006.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.228, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.230, RSMo 1992, amended 1994, 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.021 Internship or Veterinary Candidacy Program

PURPOSE: This rule describes the postgraduate internship program required for licensure as a veterinarian.

(1) All applicants for licensure by examination shall complete a three hundred twenty (320) hour postgraduate internship or veterinary candidacy program under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing or demonstrate the practice of veterinary medicine without encumbrance in another state or jurisdiction at least twelve (12) months prior to application for licensure in Missouri. To be in good standing the veteri-

narian's license(s) must be current and unencumbered. The postgraduate internship or veterinary candidacy program may be completed in any state, territory or district of the United States or Canada. The postgraduate internship or veterinary candidacy program located outside the United States must be approved by the board. The applicant must submit a request for approval in writing and provide the credentials of the supervising veterinarian.

(2) The supervising veterinarian shall submit an evaluation form stating that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the internship or veterinary candidacy program. The form is available upon request from the executive director, Missouri Veterinary Medical Board, PO Box 633, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

(3) The purpose of the internship or veterinary candidacy program is to provide the applicant with at least three hundred twenty (320) hours of work experience in veterinary medicine under supervision prior to licensure.

(A) This experience shall include, at a minimum, diagnosis, treatment, surgery and practice management.

(B) No more than twelve (12) hours in any single day shall be counted as part of the three hundred twenty (320) hours.

(4) An applicant may complete the internship or veterinary candidacy program under a provisional license at any time after graduation. He/she may take the examinations for licensure prior to the internship or veterinary candidacy program.

(5) Completion of a student preceptor program which is recognized and approved by the board prior to graduation may be substituted for the internship or veterinary candidacy program. The board shall have the sole discretion as to whether or not the preceptor program will qualify in lieu of the internship or veterinary candidacy program. This program shall be defined by the curriculum of the veterinary school or university and must include a minimum of three hundred twenty (320) hours of work experience in the following areas: diagnosis, treatment, surgery, and practice management. The student preceptor program may not begin before the start of the student's third year and must be completed prior to the date of graduation or demonstration that the applicant has practiced in another state or jurisdiction for the preceding twelve (12) months prior to application for licensure in Missouri and that the applicant's license(s) in another state or jurisdiction has

never been the subject of any disciplinary action. A student preceptor program located outside the United States must be pre-approved by the board. The applicant must submit a request for approval in writing and provide the credentials of the supervising veterinarian.

(6) Any school or university that wishes to submit a student preceptorship program for board approval shall send a photocopy of the description of the program from the veterinary school's curriculum to the board office.

(7) For a student preceptorship to qualify in lieu of an internship or a veterinary candidacy program, an evaluation form must be submitted to the board office. The form is available upon request from the executive director, Missouri Veterinary Medical Board, PO Box 633, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.200 and 340.246, RSMo Supp. 2007 and section 340.210, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.021. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective June 1, 1994. Amended: Filed July 23, 1993, effective March 10, 1994. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Amended: Filed June 28, 2002, effective Dec. 30, 2002. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.021, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed May 14, 2007, effective Nov. 30, 2007. Amended: Filed July 9, 2008, effective Jan. 30, 2009.*

**Original authority: 340.200, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2004; 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; and 340.246, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2004.*

20 CSR 2270-2.031 Examinations

PURPOSE: This rule describes the examination and passing scores required for licensure as a veterinarian.

(1) All applicants for licensure as veterinarians in Missouri shall take both—

(A) The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

1. The deadline for applying to take the NAVLE shall be August 1 and January 3 prior to each test window; and

(B) The Missouri State Board Examination.

1. The board determines if an applicant is eligible to sit for the examination by reviewing the application and documentation required. No applicant will be approved to sit for the examination until their application file is complete.

(2) Applicants shall submit—



(A) The application for licensure and the registration fee to the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board;

(B) The NAVLE application and fee directly to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME); and

(C) The fee for the Missouri State Board Examination to the board's designated testing agency.

(3) The passing score on the NAVLE shall be the minimum criterion referenced score as provided by the testing agency. The passing score on the Missouri State Board Examination shall be seventy percent (70%).

(4) The requirements for transfer of the NAVLE scores are described under section 340.234, RSMo.

(5) The NAVLE and the Missouri State Board Examinations will be administered at least once each year. Veterinary students within six (6) months of graduation may apply to take all of the required exams. However, no license will be issued until an official certified transcript verifying receipt of the degree in veterinary medicine is received by the board office sent by the degree-granting institution. It shall be the student's responsibility to arrange with the school or university for the transmitting of the official transcript to the board office.

(6) All applicants for veterinary licensure in Missouri shall take the Missouri State Board Examination and may be requested to meet with the board. In order to qualify for licensure, a passing score on the Missouri State Board Examination must have been received within two (2) years of issuance of the license.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.234, RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.031. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 14, 1994, effective Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed July 31, 2000, effective Jan. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.031, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed May 14, 2007, effective Nov. 30, 2007. Amended: Filed Nov. 21, 2008, effective May 30, 2009. Amended: Filed Jan. 3, 2012, effective June 30, 2012. Amended: Filed July 25, 2018, effective Jan. 30, 2019.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999 and 340.234, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2006.*

20 CSR 2270-2.041 Reexamination

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the require-

ments and procedures for retaking the licensure examination for veterinarians.

(1) Any applicant who fails an examination for licensure as a veterinarian may be reexamined by making application to the board office and paying the appropriate nonrefundable examination fee and registration fee and provide two (2) additional photographs. The deadline for applying to retake the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) shall be August 1 and January 3 prior to each test window and the Missouri State Board Examination shall be thirty (30) days prior to retaking the examination.

(2) Applicants shall submit—

(A) The application for licensure and the registration fee to the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board;

(B) The NAVLE application and fee directly to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME); and

(C) The fee for the Missouri State Board Examination to the board's designated testing agency.

(3) Effective August 28, 1999, no person may take any examination more than four (4) times either in or out of Missouri to qualify for licensure in Missouri. Prior to making application for the fourth attempt at passage of the examination, the applicant shall schedule an appearance with the board to outline a continuing education program which shall be board-approved and completed prior to filing an application for the subsequent examination.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.232, RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.041. Original rule file Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 14, 1994, effective Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed July 31, 2000, effective Jan. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.041, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Nov. 21, 2008, effective May 30, 2009. Amended: Filed Jan. 3, 2012, effective June 30, 2012. Amended: Filed July 25, 2018, effective Jan. 30, 2019.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999 and 340.232, RSMo 1992, amended 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.051 Licensure (Exception)

PURPOSE: This rule provides for an exception to the requirements of licensure for university veterinary school or college faculty members who are graduates of non-American Veterinary Medical Association accredited

universities and who do not have an Educational Commission of Foreign Veterinary Graduate certificate but are American Veterinary Medical Association board-certified.

(1) Faculty members at an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)-accredited college or university who are AVMA board-certified but did not graduate from an AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine may apply to the board for a veterinary license under the following conditions:

(A) Achieving a passing score as defined in 20 CSR 2270-2.031 on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) and Missouri State Board examinations; and

(B) Submitting a letter from the AVMA certification board verifying the applicant's certification and stating the specialty in which the applicant is certified and the date it was granted.

(2) A license issued under this rule shall restrict the licensee to practice only within the university setting where s/he is employed as a member of the faculty and only in the specialty area listed on his/her board certificate.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.216, and 340.230, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.051. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 1, 2003, effective Sept. 30, 2003. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.051, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed June 27, 2008, effective Dec. 30, 2008.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.216, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.230, RSMo 1992, amended 1994, 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.052 Faculty Licensure

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a restricted veterinary license for faculty at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

(1) The board may issue a veterinary faculty license to any qualified applicant associated with the University of Missouri-Columbia, College of Veterinary Medicine, and involved in the instructional program of either undergraduate or graduate veterinary medical students. In order to qualify for a faculty license, the applicant must—

(A) Demonstrate ability to communicate in and understand written and spoken English; and

(B) Have been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least five (5) consecutive years immediately prior



to making application in Missouri. This may include academic or institutional practice under a faculty license; or

(C) Have completed a clinical internship of twelve (12) months or longer; or

(D) Have completed a residency recognized and approved by the appropriate American Board of Veterinary Specialties organization.

(2) All applicants for this faculty license shall:

(A) Provide for the board a transcript or diploma demonstrating graduation from a reputable veterinary program;

(B) Schedule an appearance before the board prior to the issuance of a license; and

(C) Take and pass the State Board Examination.

(3) A faculty license will qualify a veterinarian to apply for federal accreditation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or deputyship with the Missouri Department of Agriculture. However, the accreditation is only valid under the umbrella of the university as to the restriction of the license.

(4) A license issued under this rule shall restrict the licensee to practice only on behalf of the University of Missouri where s/he is employed as a member of the faculty. This shall include both on-site and ambulatory practice settings.

(5) A license issued under this rule shall expire upon termination of the licensee's employment by the university. The licensee shall notify the board immediately upon termination of his/her employment.

(6) The applicant shall submit the registration fee and the faculty license fee.

(7) All licenses issued under this rule shall have the word "Faculty" on them.

(8) Faculty licenses shall be renewed annually by submitting the renewal application and fee.

(9) Unless otherwise specified, all provisions of Chapter 340, RSMo, and its rules, shall apply to individuals applying or licensed under this rule.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.247, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.052. Original rule filed Oct. 10, 1995, effective April 30, 1996. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.052, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Oct. 30, 2007,*

effective April 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Dec. 10, 2015, effective June 30, 2016.

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; and 340.247, RSMo 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.060 Reciprocity

PURPOSE: This rule provides information to those desiring licensure by reciprocity.

(1) To be licensed by reciprocity, section 340.238, RSMo, requires an applicant to have been actively engaged in the practice of the profession in another state, territory, district or province of the United States or Canada for at least five (5) consecutive years immediately prior to making application in Missouri.

(A) For the purposes of reciprocity, the term "actively engaged" shall mean that the applicant has regularly and consistently practiced veterinary medicine. Whether or not the board requires examinations, and what examinations may be required in a particular case, may be determined by the information provided on the application, or the board may request the applicant produce records demonstrating the regular and consistent practice of veterinary medicine.

(B) For the purposes of this rule, the term "immediately prior" shall mean that the five (5) consecutive years ended within the one (1) year before applying for licensure in Missouri.

(2) The standards for admission to practice veterinary medicine of the state, territory, district or province of the United States or Canada in which the applicant is currently licensed were equal to or more stringent than the requirements for initial registration in Missouri at the time of the applicant's initial registration.

(3) The applicant shall—

(A) Complete an application form provided by the board (see 20 CSR 2270-1.031) which shall include a complete listing of all locations of all previous places of practice and licensure in chronological order;

(B) Submit the nonrefundable reciprocity fee and registration fee;

(C) Request the licensing authority in each state in which the applicant has ever been licensed to submit a Verification Request Form (see 20 CSR 2270-1.031) which is available from the board;

(D) Request the national testing service to send evidence that the applicant has taken and received a passing score on both the National Board Examination and Clinical Competency

Test or the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). Effective August 28, 1999, no person may take any examination more than four (4) times either in or out of Missouri to qualify for licensure in Missouri; and

(E) Successfully complete the State Board Examination administered by the board.

(4) Following the review process, the applicant will be informed by letter that licensure by reciprocity has been approved or denied. The denial letter will identify the reason(s) for denial and the appeal process.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.228, 340.232, and 340.238, RSMo 2000, and section 340.234, RSMo Supp. 2012. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.060. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed Oct. 10, 1995, effective April 30, 1996. Amended: Filed July 31, 2000, effective Jan. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.060, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Oct. 30, 2007, effective April 30, 2008. Amended: Filed June 27, 2008, effective Dec. 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Jan. 10, 2013, effective July 30, 2013.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.228, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; 340.232, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; 340.234, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2006; and 340.238, RSMo 1992, amended 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.070 Provisional Licenses

PURPOSE: This rule provides the procedures and requirements for obtaining a provisional license in Missouri.

(1) A provisional license may be issued pursuant to section 340.246, RSMo to a qualified applicant for licensure pending examination results and completion of the internship or veterinary candidacy program, if the applicant meets the requirements for licensure and provided that the applicant is working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing. The applicant must submit the following:

(A) An application for both permanent and provisional licensure provided by the board;

(B) All nonrefundable license fees; and

(C) A statement signed by a licensed veterinarian in good standing that the applicant shall be working under the supervision of that veterinarian. To be in good standing the veterinarian's license(s) must be current and unencumbered. This supervision shall be consistent with the delegated animal health care task.



(2) A provisional license issued based on section (1) shall expire in one (1) year or sooner if the applicant becomes permanently licensed. A provisional license cannot be renewed.

(3) The provisional license will be sent to the supervisor.

(4) The supervisor identified on the provisional license application is responsible for the provisional licensee and shall notify the board within ten (10) days if the employment ceases at the place of employment designated on the provisional license.

(5) Only one (1) provisional license may be issued to any person at the same time.

(6) Provisional licensees are subject to the requirements of Chapter 340, RSMo and these rules.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.250, RSMo 2000 and section 340.246, RSMo Supp. 2007. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.070. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.070, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Oct. 30, 2007, effective April 30, 2008.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.246, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2004; 340.250, RSMo 1992, amended 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.071 Temporary Licenses

PURPOSE: This rule provides the procedures and requirements for obtaining a temporary license in Missouri. This rule also implements Senate Bill 424 of the 90th General Assembly, which made various changes to Chapter 340.

(1) Pursuant to section 340.248, RSMo, a temporary license may be issued to a licensed veterinarian of another state who is not under discipline or investigation by that state, for the exclusive purpose of providing veterinary medical services for a specific animal owner in Missouri. The applicant shall submit the following:

(A) An application provided by the board which must clearly identify the name of the specific animal owner; and

(B) The nonrefundable temporary license fee.

(2) A temporary license issued based on section (1) shall expire in one hundred twenty (120) days. Upon request, it may be renewed

one time for an additional ninety (90) days upon approval by the board and payment of the required fee.

(3) Only one (1) temporary license may be issued to any person at the same time.

(4) Temporary licensees are subject to the requirements of Chapter 340, RSMo and these rules.

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.248 and 340.250, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.071. Original rule filed April 13, 2001 effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-2.071, effective Aug. 28, 2006.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.248, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.250, RSMo 1992, amended 1999.*

20 CSR 2270-2.072 Temporary Courtesy License

(Rescinded June 30, 2022)

AUTHORITY: section 324.008.1., RSMo Supp. 2012. Original rule filed Sept. 18, 2012, effective March 30, 2013. Rescinded: Filed Dec. 15, 2021, effective June 30, 2022.

20 CSR 2270-2.080 Military Training to Meet Requirements for Licensure

PURPOSE: This rule requires the board to accept evidence of military education, training, or service to be applied toward the requirements for licensure.

(1) Any applicant for licensure may, as part of the evidence of meeting the requisite educational and/or training requirements for licensure, submit evidence of military experience as a member of the military.

(2) The board shall review the evidence submitted and, if appropriate, make additional inquiry of the applicant to determine the scope and duties of the military experience to determine whether the military experience shall be counted towards the qualifications for licensure.

(3) In its review of the military experience, the board shall evaluate the content and nature of the military experience to determine whether that military experience shall count towards the education, training, or service requirements for licensure. The board shall construe liberally the military experience in determining whether it will count towards the education, training, or service requirements

for licensure.

(4) "Military experience" shall mean education, training, or service completed by an applicant while a member of the United States armed forces or reserves, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

AUTHORITY: sections 324.007 and 340.210, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed Aug. 8, 2016, effective Feb. 28, 2017.*

**Original authority: 324.007, RSMo 2013 and 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999.*