

West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine Explanation of Rule changes
Series 1 - June 12, 2017

The purpose of the Rule change is to update the Rule and to be in compliance with W. Va. Code §30-1D-1(d) authorizing the Board to promulgate rules which set forth the requirements and procedures for applicant criminal history checks. West Virginia Code §29A-3-19(b) requires the incorporation of a sunset provision in existing rules which are modified after April 1, 2016.

26-1-2. Definitions.

- Deleted Board approved continuing education.
- Modified Reportable contagious diseases.

§26-1-4. Applications and Examinations for Veterinarians.

- Added to approve certified verification forms for application credentials from American Association of Veterinary Boards (AAVSB).
- Removed requirement for application to be notarized since applications are online.
- Removed signature from photograph.
- Modified jurisprudence exam eligibility notification since jurisprudence exams are now offered online.
- Added notification to the Board no later than 30 days from the action of a conviction of a misdemeanor or felony, and/or disciplinary action by another federal or state agency.

§26-1-5. Veterinarian Jurisprudence Examination Procedure.

- Modified jurisprudence exam procedures since exams are now offered online.

§26-1-7. Veterinary License Renewals

- Modified CE Requirements
 - Added laboratory, regulatory, and medical record keeping to the acceptable required CE's.
 - Removed the June exemption for CE's because the jurisprudence exam is now available online and available anytime.
 - New graduates are exempt from CE's the year they graduate.
 - Licenses that are effective October – December will expire the preceding year and not requiring CE's until renewal.
 - If a licensee is non-compliant with a CE audit, they will be audited the following year.
 - CE hours required in a disciplinary order cannot be used to satisfy renewal requirements.
 - Late renewals must submit evidence of completion of CE hours.
- Added inactive status.
- Added reactivation of an inactive status.
- Modified the requirements for lapsed license.

§26-1-8. Temporary Permits for Veterinarians.

- Removed since temporary permits are no longer needed since we offer online jurisprudence exams.

§26-1-9. Veterinarian Disciplinary Action.

- Removed the list of reportable contagious diseases since they are always changing.

§26-1-9. Criminal History Record Check

- Requiring criminal history record checks for new applicant.