

# WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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## Temporary Permit Information (Veterinarians Only):

If you have an application on file you will be informed of the exact location of the next scheduled veterinary exams approximately 30 days prior to the examination date. We hold examinations for veterinary licensure in January (the second Monday) and June (the first Monday) each year. The West Virginia written exam is an open book exam on the practice act and rules and regulations of veterinary medicine in this state. You must also pass national exams: the national board exam (NBE) and the clinical competency test (CCT), or the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). The scores on the national exams must be transferred to WV directly from VIVA, an entity of the AAVSB. Regarding the NBE & CCT exams, the clinical competency test is required *only* for those who graduated in 1981 or thereafter. Passing scores on the national board exam, the clinical competency test and the NAVLE are **425** or greater. If you are a graduate of a foreign veterinary school not accredited by the AVMA, you must further satisfactorily complete the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) program or PAVE (Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence).

A temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine may be granted at the board's discretion under the supervision of a veterinarian currently and fully licensed in West Virginia. The supervisory veterinarian must remain within one hour's physical access to the location where the temporary permittee is rendering veterinary care. The Board may not issue a temporary permit for a period exceeding the next exam date after the permit is issued. The fee for a temporary permit is \$100.00. The temporary permit fee and request letter must accompany your completed veterinary license exam application and fee. The veterinary license application fee is **\$300.00**, plus **\$35.00** for a copy of the practice act and rules and regulations, (*which is also your study material for examination*), making the total for application filing and practice act **\$335.00**. You must submit an additional \$100.00 (**making the total \$435.00**), if applying for a temporary permit. Payment of the application and examination fee entitles you to sit for the next scheduled veterinary board exam.

Upon receipt of your completed application and the letter of support, determination will be made on the temporary permit request. The labors of the veterinarian issued a temporary permit

are limited to the practice of the licensed veterinarian. A letter of support for a permit shall be countersigned by the licensed veterinarian with whom the applicant will be associated, and shall state the supervising veterinarians' willingness to sponsor the permittee. This letter must bear original signatures. Faxed copies are not allowed. We ask that this letter states the desired date for initiation of this temporary permit, which again, must be after the completed application is received by the board office. We can not proceed with a determination on your request if there are any required articles missing from your application.

Should the board approve your temporary permit, it may **not** be transferred. A temporary permit is granted under continued supervision pending the next veterinary state examination.

***Should you have any further questions not answered herein, please contact our office.***

Sincerely,

Wanda Goodwin