

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 638.070.

A REGULATION relating to veterinary medicine; conditions for registration of interns and veterinary graduates awaiting licensure; defining and setting conditions for veterinary externs; for temporary permits, and conditions related thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law. . .

Section 1. Chapter 638 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Veterinary Extern” means a person enrolled in a school of veterinary medicine accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Association who is in his third or fourth year and is enrolled in an externship program that is administered by his or her school of veterinary medicine. A veterinary extern acting in Nevada must do so under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.*

Sec. 3. *“Veterinary Intern” means a person who is licensed by the Board and who is:*

1. Actively enrolled in a program by which he or she is seeking a specialty degree from an approved specialty board of the American Veterinary Medical Association and is engaged in Nevada in activities in furtherance of obtaining a specialty degree; or

2. Employed by or is otherwise working under the supervision of a veterinarian for the purposes of gaining specialized knowledge and experience.

Sec. 4. 1. *Upon submitting an application on a form provided by the Board, payment of the fee, and the approval of its President, the Board may, without examination, grant a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine in this State to a person who holds a corresponding license in another jurisdiction which is in good standing and who actively practices veterinary medicine in that jurisdiction. A temporary license may be issued for the limited purposes set out in section 1.*

3. An applicant for a temporary license must file an application with the Executive Director of the Board not less than 30 days before the applicant intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State. Upon the request of an applicant, the President or Vice President may, for good cause, authorize the applicant to file the application fewer than 30 days before he or she intends to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

4. An application for a temporary license must include:

(a) The applicant's name, the address of his or her primary place of practice and the applicant's telephone number;

(b) A current photograph of the applicant measuring 2 by 2 inches;

(c) The name of the veterinary school from which the applicant graduated and the date of graduation;

(d) An identification of all licenses to practice veterinary medicine in any other jurisdiction or jurisdictions; and

(e) The length of time for which the temporary license is sought, which may not exceed 10 calendar days.

5. A temporary license:

(a) Is valid for the period designated on the license, which must be not more than 10 days;

(b) Is valid for the place of practice designated on the license; and

(c) Is not renewable.

6. The Board may not grant more than two temporary licenses to an applicant during any calendar year.

7. A veterinarian who applies for a temporary license solely for the purpose of providing veterinary services to a patient in this State without remuneration is not required to pay the fee required pursuant to subsection 2 but must otherwise comply with this section.

Sec. 5. NAC 638.0185 shall be amended to read as follows:

~~["Veterinary intern"]~~ *“Veterinary Graduate Awaiting Licensure”* means [÷

~~1. [A third-year or fourth-year veterinary student who is enrolled in an internship program that is administered by a school of veterinary medicine;~~

~~2.]~~ A person who has graduated from a school of veterinary medicine and has taken the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners but has not received the scores for that examination *or who will take the next available such examination;*

~~[3-]~~ **2.** A person who has graduated from a school of veterinary medicine that is not accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association and

who is presently completing a postgraduate, evaluated clinical year at a school of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association; or

~~[4-]~~ **3.** A person who is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the clinical proficiency examination administered by the American Veterinary Medical Association for the purpose of acquiring an educational certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association or its successor organization as described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 638.100.

Sec. 6. NAC 638.035 shall be amended to read as follows:

The Board will charge and collect the following fees:

For an application and examination for a license to practice veterinary medicine or a license to practice as a diplomate	\$200
For an application for a license to practice as a veterinary technician	100
For an application or examination for a license to practice as a euthanasia technician	200
For a 2-year registration to practice as a veterinary technician in training	50
For a permit to operate a facility owned by a licensed veterinarian	50
For a permit to operate a facility owned by a nonlicensed veterinarian	300
For a permit to operate a nonprofit facility	100
For a registration to practice animal chiropractic	50
For a registration to practice animal physical therapy	50
<i>For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine</i>	<i>100</i>
For the reinstatement of a veterinary or diplomate license	200

For the reinstatement of a veterinary technician license 100

For the annual renewal of an active license to practice veterinary medicine 250

For the annual renewal of an inactive license to practice veterinary medicine 130

For the annual renewal of a license to practice as a veterinary technician 75

For the annual renewal of a license to practice as a euthanasia technician 100

For the annual renewal of a registration to practice as an animal physical therapist . 25

For the annual renewal of a registration to practice as an animal chiropractor 25

For the annual renewal of a permit for a facility owned by a licensed veterinarian .. 25

For the annual renewal of a permit for a facility owned by a nonlicensed
Veterinarian 300

For the annual renewal of a permit for a nonprofit facility..... 100

For a duplicate of a license, registration or permit described in this section 10

Sec. 7. NAC 638.0601 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Before performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary intern shall identify himself or herself as a veterinary intern *and a veterinary extern shall identify himself or herself as a veterinary extern.*

2. While performing any service regarding an animal, a veterinary ~~intern~~ *graduate awaiting licensure or veterinary extern* shall be under the direct supervision of a ~~supervising~~ veterinarian who:
 - (a) Is in good standing with the Board;
 - (b) Is responsible for all actions taken by the veterinary ~~intern~~ *graduate awaiting licensure or veterinary extern* regarding an animal; and

(c) Is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of this chapter or chapter 638 of NRS by the veterinary ~~[intern]~~ *graduate awaiting licensure or veterinary extern.*

3. Before performing any services as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure, a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure must:

(a) Submit a completed application form for licensure as a veterinarian provided by the Board;

(b) Submit a list identifying the veterinary facility at which he or she will perform services ~~[and the name or names of veterinarians who will be supervising him or her at that veterinary facility];~~

(c) ~~[Pay the prescribed fee;~~

~~(d) Provide~~ Provide proof that the veterinary graduate awaiting licensure will take the next available examinations required by the Board pursuant to NRS 638.110; and

~~(e)~~ (d) ~~[Receive]~~ Receive from the Board a document acknowledging that the veterinary extern is registered with the Board.

4. A veterinary graduate awaiting licensure may not be registered for or perform services as a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure for more than one year from his or her initial date of registration unless otherwise allowed by the Board after review of a written application from a veterinary graduate awaiting licensure received by the Board's office prior to the expiration of the one-year period herein.