

Florida Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. State and National requirements

- a)** If you have graduated from an AVMA accredited college, you must have proof of attendance and graduation, and have passed the NAVLE within the past five years.
- b)** There are separate applications depending on your current licensing status, all of which can be found here.
- c)** Online Application Portal
- d)** To check your application times, see here.

2. Relevant Fees

- Application and licensing fee is \$500, however there is an opportunity for a military discount for veterans and their families in FL.
- There is an additional \$249.25 cost to take the Florida Law and Rules Exam.



Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

If you are or have ever been licensed to practice in another state, U.S. territory, or Canadian province, for at least three years, verification forms must be submitted by all of the respective state's licensing boards.

- If you've never been subjected to disciplinary action by a licensing board, you can fill out this form to apply for an exemption to taking the Florida Laws and Rules exam [here](#).

Additional Required Testing:

In Florida, you are required to pass the NAVLE, as well as the Florida Laws and Rules examination, which can be taken online.

- A study guide and scheduling information about the Florida exam can be found [here](#).
- To transfer your NAVLE scores to Florida, use the [AAVSB](#) portal.

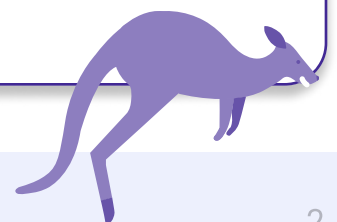
Mandatory Documentation:

By submitting an application, you consent to undergo a background check prior to receiving your license.

Temporary License:


In Florida, you can apply for a "Limited-Service Veterinary Medical Practice Permit" to practice on a limited basis at a public-facing clinic.

- If you are not a FL licensed veterinarian, you can still apply and undergo a background check to receive this permit.
- The application can be found [here](#).




FAQ:

“What are the Continuing Education Requirements in Florida?”

-  All fully-licensed veterinarians in Florida are required to fulfill their CE, which entails 30 hours of CE every two years.
- Of these hours, one of the credits must focus on drug distribution and management.
 - Two of the 30 hours must be focused on the laws and rules that govern veterinary medical practice.
 - Your license expires on the 31st of May every even year (ex: 5/31/2010, 5/31/2012, 5/31/2014), so hours must be submitted for approval before then.
 - For a full list of CE courses, see [here](#).

“I’m licensed in another state within the U.S., and therefore have passed the NAVLE. Do I still need to complete a license application, and if so, which parts?”

-  If you are licensed in another state, and are looking to begin practicing in Florida, you will need to fill out an “Authorization for Interstate Exchange of Examination and Licensure information” form, before forwarding it to the state(s) you are currently licensed in to complete.
- The online application for this process is currently unavailable, so the paper/pdf version of the form is available [here](#).
 - For more information about this process, see [here](#).

Please check your local requirements as state and national guidelines may have changed since last updated on 6/5/2023.

