

Massachusetts Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. Requirements

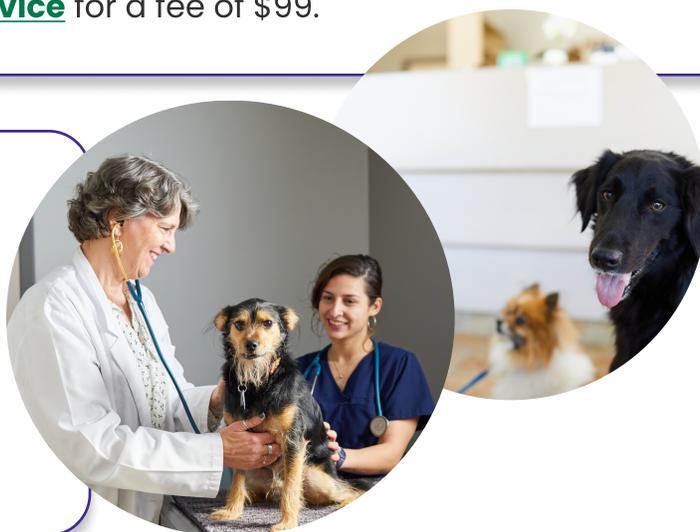
Submit all required documents (below), and then, apply through Massachusetts' [online portal](#). If you do not include all required documents, your application will not be processed.

1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
2. **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Must have graduated from an [AVMA accredited veterinary college](#). Email an official copy of your transcript to the Board at VetMedBoard@mass.gov.
 - a. Graduates of foreign veterinary colleges must submit proof of completion of either the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) or Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalent (PAVE).
 - b. **RECIPROCITY CANDIDATES:** If you have been licensed for 5 years or more in another state/jurisdiction you do not need to submit a transcript.
3. Must pass the NAVLE and have your scores sent directly to the Board. You can transfer your scores using the [AAVSB's VAULT service](#) for a fee of \$99.

2. Relevant Fees

1. Total Fee: \$343.00

- a. Application Fee: \$117
- b. Jurisprudence Exam Fee: \$155
- c. Initial License Fee: \$71



Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

1. Upload a certified letter of licensure from any state or jurisdiction where you hold or have previously held a license. Do not have this document emailed/mailed by the other jurisdiction's board, they must be uploaded by the candidate in a PDF format.

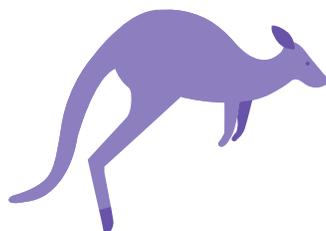
Additional Required Testing:

1. **Board Jurisprudence Exam** - Found [here](#). A pass/fail, open book, multiple choice, un-timed exam. Upload completed exam with the rest of your supporting documents. Unanswered questions will be counted as wrong.

Other Documentation:

Upload the following documents in PDF format:

1. Signed and notarized **[Criminal Offender Record Information Acknowledgment Form](#)**.
2. **2** signed and notarized **[Professional and Ethical Reference Forms](#)** completed by 2 different licensed veterinarians familiar with your skill and professional conduct.
3. Passport-style photograph uploaded in JPEG format.
4. Any documents showing disciplinary action against license(s) in another jurisdiction.
5. If applicable, copies of any official court records showing the disposition of any convictions with written explanation of the underlying incident(s) and circumstances.



Renewal and Reinstatement

1. **RENEWAL:** You must renew your license online annually **before March 1st** using the [ePlace Portal](#). You can begin the renewal process 90 days before February 28th.
 - a. **\$125 renewal fee** +\$57 late fee if past deadline
 - b. To renew, you will need your Record ID (License Number) and Authorization Code, which are provided by mail 90 days before February 28th or found [here](#).
 - c. If your mailing address has changed, you can update it using the [ePlace Portal](#).
2. **REINSTATEMENT, 3 YEARS OR LESS:** Apply for reinstatement using this [application](#). You will have to pay any outstanding fees and email the following documents to the Board:
 - a. Signed cover letter requesting reinstatement, which includes your full name, license number, mailing address, and list of jurisdictions where you have been licensed.
 - b. Proof of completion of 15 CE credits if your license has been expired for less than 2 years, or 30 CE credits if your license has been expired for more than 2 years.
 - c. Signed, notarized [Criminal Offender Record Information Acknowledgment Form](#).
 - d. Official license verification from each jurisdiction where you are or have ever been licensed (sent by applicant).
3. **REINSTATEMENT, OVER 3 YEARS:** Apply for reinstatement using this [application](#). Email all of the above documents to the Board with the following modifications:
 - a. Signed cover letter must include an explanation of your activities during the time your license was expired and your reason for requesting reinstatement.
 - b. Proof of 45 CE credits.
 - c. Completed [jurisprudence exam](#).
 - d. The Board may request a formal interview before approving your reinstatement.



CE Requirements:

1. **15 hours of CE** are required each calendar year.
 - a. No more than 6 hours can be acquired through home study or mediated instruction. This does not include webinars, interactive conferences, or online workshops streamed live in real time with live interaction with the presenter.
2. Approved providers of CE can be found [here](#).
 - a. You can earn 3 CE credits for writing a book, chapter, or article in a reference journal, research project, or other publications approved by the Board.
 - b. You can earn 2 CE credits the first time you teach a course, workshop, or seminar relating to veterinary medicine.
3. You do not need to submit CE documentation during the renewal process, but you should retain this documentation for 4 years in case of random audit.

Temporary License:

Temporary Permits are available to graduates of non-AVMA accredited veterinary schools while they complete the ECFVG or PAVE program to practice under the supervision of a fully-licensed Massachusetts veterinarian. Apply using the following [application](#).

1. Temporary permit is valid for six months with the possibility of one renewal.
2. Supervising veterinarian must be licensed for at least 4 years and in good standing.
3. **REQUIREMENTS:** Must have passed the Board Jurisprudence Exam and the NAVLE and be within 6 months of completing the ECFVG or PAVE.
4. A Board Interview of you and your supervisor will be conducted.

FAQ:

I'm applying for reciprocal licensure, but I didn't take the NAVLE. How do I use my NBE & CCT Scores?

 Applicants for reciprocal licensure may meet the national examination requirement by submitting proof of passage of either the NBE or the CCT if they were licensed prior to 1992. The passing score for both exams in Massachusetts is seventy-five (75).

How do I apply to work under the Tufts University Institutional License?

 Veterinarians who are not otherwise licensed to practice veterinary medicine can practice in conjunction with their full-time employment by a school of veterinary medicine located in Massachusetts that possesses an institutional license. Currently, The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University is the only such school with an Institutional License. Those who wish to apply to work in this stated capacity must reach out to Tufts directly: TPVMLicense@tufts.edu.

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