

Ohio Veterinary Licensing Requirements



Board Applications

1. Application

State and national requirements

- a)** If you have graduated from an AVMA accredited college, you must have proof of attendance, graduation and a transcript, which should be submitted by your college.
- b)** If you are NOT from an accredited veterinary college, you will need either a certificate of completion of the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program, or sufficient clinical education equal to that of students in AVMA accredited schools.
- c)** You can find the online application portal here.
- d)** For further application information, please see here.

2. Relevant Fees

- \$375.00 Fee after the first day of March if submitted on an even numbered year
- Consists of:
 - \$250.00 Fee after the first day of March if submitted on an odd numbered year
 - \$44.00 Comprehensive fees for undergoing a background check



Verify additional existing veterinary licenses:

1. If you are or have ever been licensed to practice in another state, U.S. territory or Canadian province, verification forms must be submitted by the respective licensing boards.

- This form can be found [here](#).

Additional Required Testing:

1. Prior to applying, you must have passed the NAVLE with a score of 75.00 or higher.

- You can apply for this exam through the [ICVA](#).

Mandatory Documentation:

1. In Ohio, by submitting an application for a veterinary license, you consent to undergoing a background check, and are required to inform the board whether or not you have been convicted of criminal charges in the past.


- For more information on background checks, see [here](#)

Temporary License:


In Ohio, temporary licenses are available for interns and resident students, under supervision of a fully licensed veterinarian.

FAQ:

“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 currently licensed and practicing in another state, you are exempt from the licensure by examination requirements, and can be granted a license via reciprocity.
- This license requires verified proof of previous/current licenses in other states, meaning that the states in which you currently hold a license will need to submit verification of your license to the OVMA.
 - There are potential licensing fees of \$425 or \$300, depending on if you submit your application on an even numbered or odd numbered year, respectively.
 - For the application form, please see [here](#).
 - For comprehensive information regarding reciprocity licenses in Ohio, please see [here](#).

“What are the Continuing Education Requirements in Ohio?”

-  All fully-licensed veterinarians in Illinois are required to fulfill their CE, which entails a minimum of 30 hours of Continuing Education coursework every two years.
- For further information regarding the CE Requirements and license renewal in Ohio, see [here](#).
 - To submit a form to submit an unacknowledged CE course to the OVMA, please see [here](#).

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