

Washington Veterinary Licensing rOO Requirements

Board Applications

1. Board Applications:

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.
- b)** If you did not attend an AVMA accredited college, you must have completed the requirements for the ECFVG, or have your foreign education completion verified by the Board.
- c)** Online Application Portal
- d)** For more information about licensing requirements, see here.
- f)** In Washington, once you pay the fee to start your online application, you only have 14 days to complete it, including the state exam.

2. Relevant Fees:

- The total fees add up to \$407.75 to achieve a full veterinary license. For a comprehensive list of fees, see here.
 - The state board testing fee is \$210
 - \$161.00 fee to issue an active license
 - \$34.25 fee to submit your fingerprints for a background check
 - \$2.50 fee to use the application portal



Verify Additional Existing Veterinary Licenses:

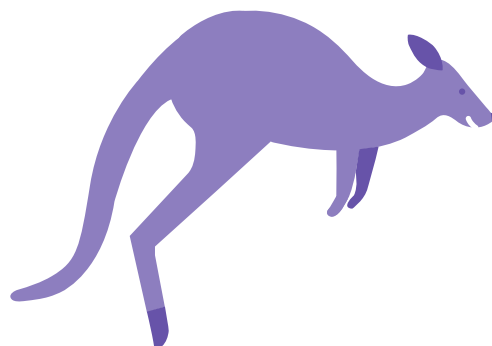
1. If you are or have ever been licensed to practice in another state, U.S. territory, or Canadian province, verification forms must be submitted.
 - Verification forms can be found [here](#).

Additional Required Testing:

1. In Washington, you are required to pass the [NAVLE](#), as well as the Washington State Jurisprudence Exam.
 - To transfer your NAVLE score to Washington, see [here](#).
 - For information on the Washington State Exam, see [here](#).

Mandatory Documentation:

1. By submitting an application, you consent to undergo a background check prior to receiving your license, which will require you to submit any police and/or court records.




Temporary License:

1. In Washington, if you apply for a full license, you may be issued a temporary license which lasts 180 days while the Board approves your application.
 - The application portal is the same for full-license applications.

FAQ:

“What are the Continuing Education Requirements in Washington?”


 All fully-licensed veterinarians in Washington are required to fulfill their CE, which entails 30 hours of CE every two years.

1. For more CE information, and a list of approved courses, see [here](#).
2. To verify your CE hours, see [here](#).
3. Washington has changed some of its CE guidelines due to COVID-19, information on which can be found [here](#).
4. There is a license renewal fee of \$201.00.



FAQ continued:

“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 achieve a license in Washington, you will need to fill out an application, upon which you will be granted a temporary license.

- For more information about this process, see [here](#).
- Temporary permits last 180 days, and usually are followed by a full license once the board issues a decision.
- There is no fee for a temporary license in Washington; however, you must still undergo a background check.

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