

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD RULE CHAPTERS 700-2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO  
EXAMINATION AND 700-6 REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY  
TECHNICIANS, RULES 700-2-.02 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR  
VETERINARIANS AND 700-6-.01 APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY  
TECHNICIAN LICENSE)  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RULE 700-2-.02 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR VETERINARIANS  
RULE 700-6-.01 APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSE**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 700-2-.02 Application for Licensure for Veterinarians and Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Veterinary Technician License (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-board-veterinary-medicine-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 2022, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via Zoom. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via Zoom.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on October 12, 2022. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-1308.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on August 25, 2021. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of veterinary medicine.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 700-2-.02 Application for Licensure for Veterinarians and Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Veterinary Technician License pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.



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Gabriel Sterling  
Interim Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 9/8/22

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULES  
RULE 700-2-.02**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed adoption is to amend the rule to reflect updates to the Joint Secretary Rules and Policies regarding the expiration of applications submitted to the Board. The amendments are to ensure that the Board Rules are aligned with the Joint Secretary policy, removes repetitive language, and should serve to prevent any errors in judgment as it relates to the period of time that an application is valid.

**Rule 700-2-.02. Application for Licensure for Veterinarians**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a veterinarian shall make application on forms provided by the Board.
- (2) With the completed application form(s) the applicant for licensure shall submit:
  - (a) The application fee in an amount established by the Board;
  - (b) Proof of graduation submitted directly from an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine certifying completion of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program and the award of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree; If a transcript is not yet available, the Board will accept a letter from the Dean of the college or school of veterinary medicine certifying the date that graduation occurred; or, an electronic submission of proof of graduation submitted directly from the accredited college or school of veterinary medicine followed by the submission of an official transcript within thirty days;
  - (c) All scores of the applicant from the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) or the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE) or an equivalent examination acceptable to the Board.
  - (d) Proof of a passing score on the Georgia Veterinary Law Exam.
- (3) In addition to meeting the requirements stated above, graduates of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine must submit one of the following:
  - (a) The Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate from the American Veterinary Medical Association; or,
  - (b) Proof of completion of the PAVE program from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards; or,
  - (c) An equivalent document acceptable to the Board.
- (4) An applicant must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board of all qualifications for

licensure.

- (5) All applications for licensure ~~expire one year from the date of receipt of the application~~ must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary Rules and/or policies. All applications not completed within this designated timeframe shall be considered “expired” and non-refundable fee there shall be no refunds of the application fee. Following expiration of an application, a new application in its entirety, to include all required fees, shall be required for consideration of licensure.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31, and 43-50-110.**

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULES  
RULE 700-6-.01**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed adoption is to amend the rule to reflect updates to the Joint Secretary Rules and Policies regarding the expiration of applications submitted to the Board. The amendments are to ensure that the Board Rules are aligned with the Joint Secretary policy, removes repetitive language and should serve to prevent any errors in judgment as it relates to the period of time that an application is valid.

**Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Veterinary Technician License**

- (1) Application for licensure of Veterinary Technicians shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- (2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section [43-50-52](#) of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:
  - (a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;
  - (b) The applicant is of good moral character; and
  - (c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis. The veterinary technician program may provide the electronic submission of proof of graduation or an official transcript.
  - (d) If licensed in another state(s) with license requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);
  - (e) The applicant has paid all applicable fees.
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  - (b) Candidates desiring to transfer scores must pay all applicable fees.
- (4) Proof of a passing score on the Georgia Veterinary Technician Law Exam.
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- (6) Licenses shall be renewable biennially by December 31 of the year in which the license expires.
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**RULES**  
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