

Rule 700-7-0.3-.03. Emergency Rule on Continuing Veterinary Education

- 1) Due to the State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, Georgia Licensed veterinarians may obtain all 30 hours of continuing education online in order to satisfy the requirements for license renewal. This shall remain until the State of Emergency is no longer in effect.
 - a) Of the thirty (30) hours required, two (2) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism (LEAP).
 - b) The LEAP requirement may only be satisfied via an in-person lecture or live interactive webinars that include measures to ensure active participation throughout the course.
 - c) Georgia licensees who do not practice in the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 2) Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all AVMA accredited veterinary college or school sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board. Blanket approval does not apply to any continuing education programs on Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 3) All continuing education courses on LEAP or any continuing education course which is not offered by a blanket approved organization must be awarded Board approval.
- 4) In addition to the LEAP requirements, the remaining credit hours may be earned as follows:
 - a) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
 - b) Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer-generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.
 - c) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.
 - d) A maximum of six (6) hours for veterinarians can be acquired through in-house training at the licensees' place of employment.
 - e) A maximum of ten (10) hours can be acquired through in-house training for veterinary faculty at AVMA accredited institutions.

- 5) A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education and is not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
- 6) A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.

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