

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 700-2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO  
EXAMINATION,  
BOARD RULE 700-2-.02 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR VETERINARIANS  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**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 amendments to Board Rule Chapter 700-2 Qualifications for Admission to Examination, Board Rule 700-2-.02 Application for Licensure for Veterinarians (hereinafter “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 (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m., June 4, 2025**, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **May 28, 2025**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The written comments may be emailed to [PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov](mailto:PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov).

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 meetings on February 10, 2021, August 25, 2021, May 10, 2023, June 21, 2023, April 29, 2024, June 26, 2024, and August 21, 2024. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot

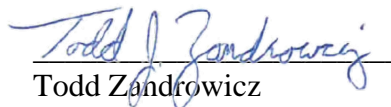
be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 and 43-50-110. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 and 43-50-110 to adopt 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 this proposed rule 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 the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 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 24th day of April, 2025.



Todd Zandrowicz  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: April 24th, 2025

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD RULES CHAPTER 700-2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO  
EXAMINATION,  
BOARD RULE 700-2-.02. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR VETERINARIANS**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify that graduates of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine are not required to demonstrate having graduated from an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine and submit an Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate or proof of completion of the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education (PAVE). The foreign applicant may choose to provide a transcript from an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or ECVFG or PAVE or an equivalent document acceptable to the Board. The amendments also clarify that it is Joint Secretary Rule or Policy which dictates when an application for licensure expires as well as the steps an applicant will need to take if the application is withdrawn due to expiration. The changes proposed within the rule carry out the policy objectives that are expressed in Georgia Veterinary Practice Act and the General Provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are consistent with that which is stated within those statutes.

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

- (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 policies and ~~non-refundable~~ there shall be no refunds of the application fee.

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

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