SECTION .0300 - EXAMINATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURES

21 NCAC 66 .0301 APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION

(a) All applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine shall complete, sign and return the application form for veterinary license available from the Board.

(b) All applicants for license by examination shall successfully pass the licensure examinations. The Board shall review and evaluate the validity and accuracy of information contained in an application for licensure. If the prerequisites of G.S. 90-187 and G.S. 90-187.1 are met, the Board shall admit the applicant to the examinations.

(c) The nature of the examinations is to determine the applicant's minimum competency to practice veterinary medicine within the state of North Carolina. The Board shall administer, in conformity with the testing service criteria, the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) as prepared by the Board or a licensure examination service contracted with by the Board.

(d) The Board shall also administer a special North Carolina Examination to evaluate the applicant's knowledge of Article 11 of Chapter 90 and 21 NCAC 66 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

(e) Pursuant to G.S. 90-187.1, the Board shall establish the passing score for the current NAVLE and the North Carolina Examination, which shall include examination on the statutes and administrative rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in the State.

(f) The Executive Director shall notify all applicants of the score received on the examinations. Thereafter, if all information has been verified as correct and truthful, and if the requirements of G.S. 90-187 and G.S. 90-187.1 have been met, he shall issue a license to those successfully passing the examinations.

(g) This Section does not apply to the licensure, relicensure or reinstatement of a veterinarian whose license has been suspended or revoked by the Board or who presently has a complaint or other matter pending in this or another state or jurisdiction that has or may result in discipline against the applicant's license to practice veterinary medicine in that State.

(h) In determining whether to issue a license to practice veterinary medicine, the Board may consider all information obtained as a result of the application, including but not limited to all testing information, including examination scores of the examinations identified herein; and information obtained pursuant to the requirements of Rule .0310 of this Section or information obtained about the applicant which the applicant was required to have furnished.

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