

Live Scan/Fingerprint Overview

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

Section 144(b) of the Business and Professions Code authorizes the Veterinary Medical Board to collect fingerprints for background checks of applicants for licensure. Fingerprints must be submitted prior to licensure via Livescan pursuant to Penal Code Section 11077.1. Although Live Scan is not required for approval to take an examination, the results from Live Scan must be received by the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) prior to licensure.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) is information identified through fingerprint submission to the California Department of Justice. CORI information includes criminal history information maintained by California local law enforcement, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other state law enforcement. CORI information is confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining whether an applicant has criminal history that would be grounds for denial of an application, or suspension or revocation of a registration pursuant to Section 475 – 499 of the Business and Professions Code.

You must disclose on the application whether or not there has been any disciplinary action taken against any registration, license, or certificate in the field of veterinary medicine including revocation, suspension, probation, voluntary surrender, or any other proceeding in any state, territory or province. A separate letter explaining the action and a copy of the discipline document(s) is required.

Candidates who have been convicted of, or pled no contest to, any violation of any law of the United States, any state or local jurisdiction, or any foreign country must attach a letter of explanation that includes the type of violation, the date, circumstances and location, and the complete penalty received. Also include certified copies of arrest records and court documents. You must include all misdemeanor and felony convictions, regardless of the age of the conviction, including those which have been set aside and/or dismissed under Penal Code Section 1000, 1203.4 or 1210.1. (Traffic violations involving driving under the influence, injury to persons or providing false information must be reported).

For more information regarding Live Scan, please refer to the “Fingerprinting Requirements” on the Board’s web site at www.vmb.ca.gov. Your fingerprints must be processed at a Live Scan facility, and service must include both the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprint processing fees are paid directly to the Live Scan facility.

NOTE: Licensure is subject to denial pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 475 – 499 upon review of your background information.