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Veterinary License Application

Please apply online at BreEZe for the **Veterinary License Application.**

➢ **Required Fees** (BPC § 4905)**:**
  o Application: $350 (non-refundable)
  o Veterinary Law Examination (non-CA grads): $100
  o Initial License: $500

➢ **Education** (BPC § 4846 (a)(1).)
Graduate from an AVMA accredited school or receive a certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE). Proof of graduation must be directly submitted to the board by the veterinary college or from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). Proof of certificate must be directly submitted to the board by ECFVG or PAVE.

➢ **Examinations** (BPC § 4846 (a)(5).)
North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)
      If you passed the NAVLE more than 5 years ago, you are required to do **one** of the following:
          o Retake and pass the national licensing examination.

          o Submit proof of having practiced clinical veterinary medicine for a minimum of two years and completed a minimum of 2,500 hours of clinical practice in another state, Canadian province, or United States territory within the three years immediately preceding filing an application for licensure in this state.

          o Complete the minimum continuing education requirements of Section 4846.5 for the current and preceding year.
            (Please attach proof of CE on the Attachments page.)

Veterinary Law Examination (VLE)
      The VLE is required for applicants who did not graduate from the University of California, Davis, or Western University of Health Sciences. To access the VLE, please complete the exam through survey monkey.

(Please start the exam **AFTER** submitting the license application. If you try and complete the exam before submitting the application BreEZe may timeout.)

- ➢ **Fingerprints** (BPC § 4846 (a)(4).)
  [Request for Live Scan Service Form](#)
  California residents are required to complete the Live Scan Request Form and submit fingerprints at a [Public Live Scan site](#).
  For more information on "Live Scan" fingerprinting, please visit the DOJ website at http://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints.

  Fingerprint Hard Card
  Out-of-state residents who cannot travel to California to complete a Live Scan must have their fingerprints rolled onto a DOJ (BID-7) or FBI (FD-258) fingerprint hard card by a qualified fingerprinting service in their state of residence. Processing fingerprint hard cards takes approximately 45-60 days.

  After the Board receives your request for a hard card when you submit this application, the Board will mail the hard card and instructions to your address of record.

- ➢ **License Verification** (BPC § 4846(b).)
  You are required to disclose each state, Canadian province, or United States territory in which the applicant currently holds or has ever held a license to practice veterinary medicine. License verification, including any disciplinary or enforcement history, must be directly submitted to the board from each state, Canadian province, or United States territory.
  (Each state, Canadian province, or United States territory may submit verifications directly through AAVSB's Vault system. Therefore, AAVSB Vault verifications are accepted.)

When completing the application make sure to provide all the information requested. Once the application is paid and submitted, it will be sent to the Board for review.

The Board must receive all required documentation/information prior to issuing a license.
Following initial application review, the Board will notify you via email of any deficiency and you will be given the opportunity to submit deficient documentation.

You may check application updates by logging into your BreEZe account and clicking "Details" next to the pending application. There you will find application deficiencies listed, if any.

To see current board processing times, visit the Board's [processing times webpage](#).