



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 10, 2019
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Moneel Singh, Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 19C. Licensing Report

Staff Update

On September 23rd, the Board’s licensing technician, Andrea Amaya-Torres, accepted a promotional opportunity at the Board in the Inspections Unit. Ms. Amaya-Torres served the Board’s licensing unit since 2018. The licensing unit appreciates her hard work and dedication and she will be a great asset to the Inspections unit.

Due to promotional opportunities, the licensing unit now has two vacancies. The positions were posted and reviewed and because of a limited application pool, the positions will be reposted. The vacancies are affecting the Board’s application processing time. The Board is working the Department’s Consumer Information Center (CIC) to borrow staff through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and help alleviate the backlog.

To give staff more opportunity for upward mobility, they are encouraged to and taking advantage of SOILD training courses. SOLID training offers courses to be prepared for entry level classifications to analytical classifications.

Denied Application Research

This year’s Sunset Review Report added two new licensing questions related to denied applications:

21. How many licenses or registrations has the board denied over the past four years based on criminal history that is determined to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the profession, pursuant to BPC § 480? Please provide a breakdown of each instance of denial and the acts the board determined were substantially related.

21a. What process does the board use to check prior criminal history information, prior disciplinary actions, or other unlawful acts of the applicant? Has the board denied any licenses over the last four years based on the applicant’s failure to disclose information on the application, including failure to self-disclose criminal history? If so, how many times and for what types of crimes (please be specific)?

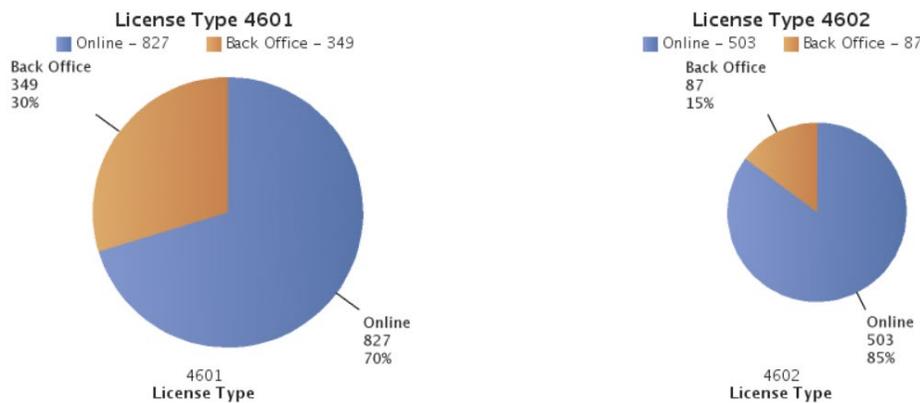
The Board did not previously track this information. In order to respond to the legislature, licensing staff created reports to identify all applications with a criminal history. Using this information, staff is manually pulling each application to determine if it was denied, when it was

denied, and the specific convictions. Staff still has roughly 800 conviction applications to review. A preliminary analysis of the results thus far indicates a much higher denial rate in prior fiscal years. In addition, it is unclear in many instances why the convictions were determined to be substantially related.

In light of the information this project revealed, staff will be contacting all prior applicants to inform them of their right to reapply and educate them on the AB 2138 provisions taking effect in July 2020.

Updated Renewal Process

Since the launch of the new online renewal process in May 2019, 70% of Veterinarian renewals and 85% of RVT renewals have been completed online through BreZE. This is a significant increase from the 49% of Veterinarians and 56% of RVTs renewing online prior to the new process.



Applications

The licensing unit received 13% more veterinarian applications, 5% more RVT applications, and 6% less VACSP applications compared to last fiscal year.

Applications Received										
	Fiscal Year 2018-19					Fiscal Year 2019-20				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun		Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	
VET	126	316	315	183	940	142				142
UNIV	24	9	19	33	85	3				3
RVT	250	205	219	260	934	264				264
HSP	54	53	62	92	261	37				37
VACSP	426	421	463	538	1848	397				397
Total	880	1004	1078	1106	4068	843				843

Licenses Issued										
	Fiscal Year 2017-18					Fiscal Year 2018-19				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun		Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	
VET	177	139	85	364	765	187				187
UNIV	15	22	8	17	62	19				19
RVT	144	132	187	200	663	165				165
HSP	39	19	59	128	245	17				17
VACSP	275	322	293	483	1373	226				226
Total	650	634	632	1192	3108	614				614

Licensee Population	
<i>as of October 1, 2019</i>	
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	14,845/12,639
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	11,881
University Veterinarian*/**	119/118
Veterinarian – Internship**	25
Veterinarian – Reciprocity**	40
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses*/**	9,243/7,074
Registered Veterinary Technician Licenses – California**	7,040
Premise Permits*/**	4,053/3,624
Premise Permits – Exempt**	96
Veterinary Asst. Cont. Sub. Permit*/**	5,893/4,377
<i>*includes delinquent, inactive, and clear licensees; **clear licensees</i>	