



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 2, 2023
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Kim Phillips-Francis, Administration/Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 16.B. Examination/Licensing Report

Examination Updates

International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)

On [July 5, 2023](#), ICVA provided an updated on the ICVA Assessment Grant Program. The ICVA Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee, for the fifth year, announced its successful assessment grant program with up to three grant award opportunities of \$10,000 USD. The deadline was June 30th, with a total of seven letters of intent received. The letters are being reviewed by the ACAC and invitations for full submissions will be made by early August. The full proposal submission deadline is October 30, 2023.

ICVA 2023 Annual Report for Licensing Boards can be found [here](#).

Examination Statistics

Below are the final examination results for first time test takers for last fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – July 30, 2023). The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) and Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) reflect the national pass rates. The Veterinary Law Examination (VLE) is only for California applicants.

Examination Results			
Type	% Pass	% Fail	Number of Candidates
NAVLE	71.10%	28.90%	5,902
VTNE	66.40%	33.95%	8,733
VLE	90%	10%	604

These results are published in DCA’s Annual Report and posted on its website.

Licensing Updates

Continuing Education (CE) Audits

Over the last quarter, the Board conducted 66 Veterinarian and 48 Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) CE audits. Of those, roughly 19% of Veterinarians and 10% RVTs were non-compliant. Corrective measures may include educational letters, citations, or disciplinary actions depending on the severity of the non-compliance.

Board Applications

Overall, Board applications saw a decrease of roughly 7% (1,233 to 1,141) when compared to Quarter 1 (Q1) FY (Fiscal Year) 22/23. Veterinarian applications decreased approximately 24% (190 to 144), University decreased by 70% (40 to 12), RVT

increased by 17% (305 to 357), Premises (HSP) decreased by 28% (132 to 95), and Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substance Permits (VACSP) noticed a small decrease of 6% (566 to 533).

Applications Received						
Type	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24			
	Total	Total	July	Aug	Sep	YTD
VET	1,508	903	61	45	38	144
UNIV	56	94	4	4	4	12
RVT	1,045	1017	63	199	95	357
HSP	444	507	31	30	34	95
VACSP	2,092	2418	182	192	159	533
Total	5,145	4,939	341	470	330	1,141

Licenses, Registrations, Permits Issued

Overall, Board licenses saw a decrease of roughly 16% (1,164 to 982) when compared to Q1 FY 22/23. Veterinarian licenses decreased roughly 17% (250 to 208). University licenses slightly decreased (10 to 9), RVT licenses increased 9% (230 to 250), HSPs decreased 38% (128 to 79), and VACSPs decreased 20% (546 to 436).

License/Registrations/Permits Issued						
Type	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24			
	Total	Total	July	Aug	Sep	YTD
VET	870	765	83	66	59	208
UNIV	33	33	0	5	4	9
RVT	706	872	19	67	164	250
HSP	399	459	25	25	29	79
VACSP	1,633	2135	134	174	128	436
Total	3,641	4,264	261	337	511	1,109

Licensee Population			
	As of October 1, 2021	As of October 5, 2022	As of October 1, 2023
Veterinarian Licenses*/**	15,410/12,605	15,966/13,103	16,416/13,499
Veterinarian Licenses – California**	11,536	12,203	11,420
University Veterinarian*/**	165/124	197/140	228/149
Veterinarian – Internship**	30	1	0
RVT Registrations*/**	10,113/7,613	10,654/8,057	11,318/8,663
RVT Registrations – California**	8,702	9,653	8,216
Premises Registrations*/**	4,218/3,665	4,316/3,745	4,484/3,948
Premises Registrations – Exempt**	103	104	110
VACSPs*/**	8,691/5,207	10,695/6,220	12,397/7,345
*Includes delinquent, inactive, and clear licensees; **clear licensees			

The individual transaction report previously provided at Board meetings is being significantly revised and will be provided during the next Board meeting.