

Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence

American Association of Veterinary State Boards 2025









Timeline

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Exam Date Selected

Exam Time Identified

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Candidate

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Documents from primary education received

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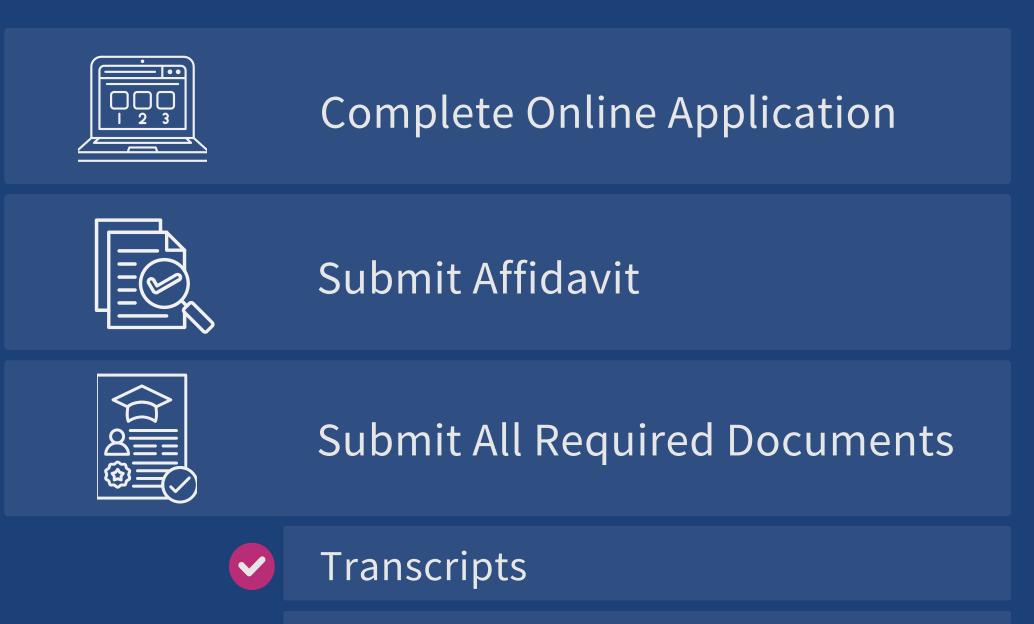
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Candidate Responsibilities



- Diploma
- Proof of English Proficiency



AAVSB Staff Review Documents



Candidate is Eligible to schedule their QSE Exam Time

Qualifying Science Exam (QSE)

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The candidates take their QSE either at a test center or through Live Remote Proctoring.

The exam is based on the Blueprint posted online



It takes four to six weeks for candidates to receive their pass/fail status



The exam evaluates the knowledge gained in the first three years of veterinary school



Once candidates pass, they cannot take the exam again



Candidates who do not pass receive a detailed score report with domain performance information



The PAVE Program does not require candidates to complete the QSE before enrolling in the ECE

NAVLE Option

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Once a passing score on the QSE is obtained, the candidate's information is sent to the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), and they are eligible to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

Candidates are not required to take the NAVLE at this time in the PAVE process, but it is an option.

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Candidate Responsibilities

Apply to each veterinary program the same as traditional veterinary students

Understand VISA requirements and needs

Understand housing and travel needs

University Responsibilities

Verify candidate is enrolled in the PAVE Program

Accept candidates per program discretion and requirements

Inform AAVSB which candidates are accepted

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Candidate Responsibilities

Request transcript or course list be sent from the school to the AAVSB

Ensure all documents from primary education have been submitted

University Responsibilities

Send the transcript or course list to the AAVSB

Send ECE Completion Verification notice to the AAVSB

Certificate Issued

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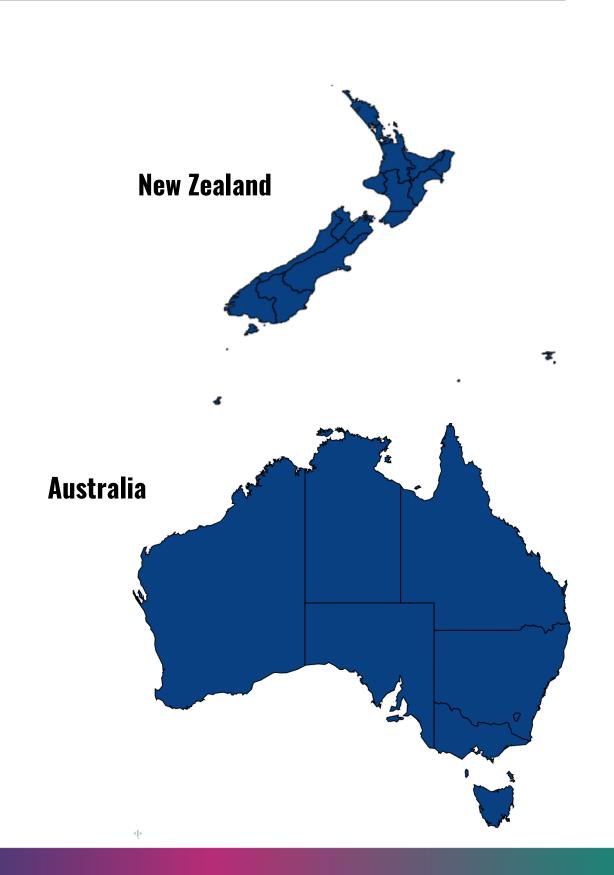
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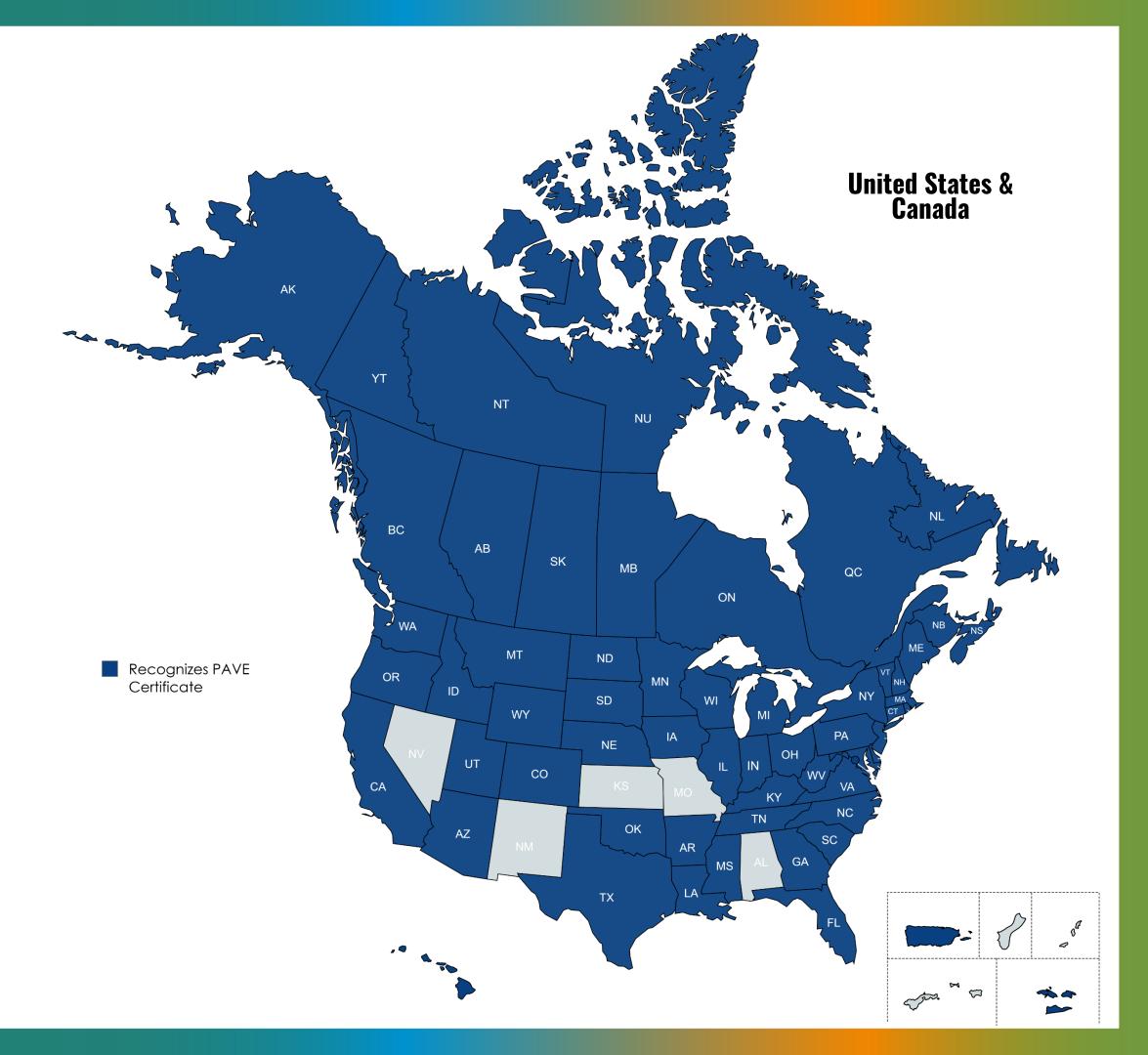
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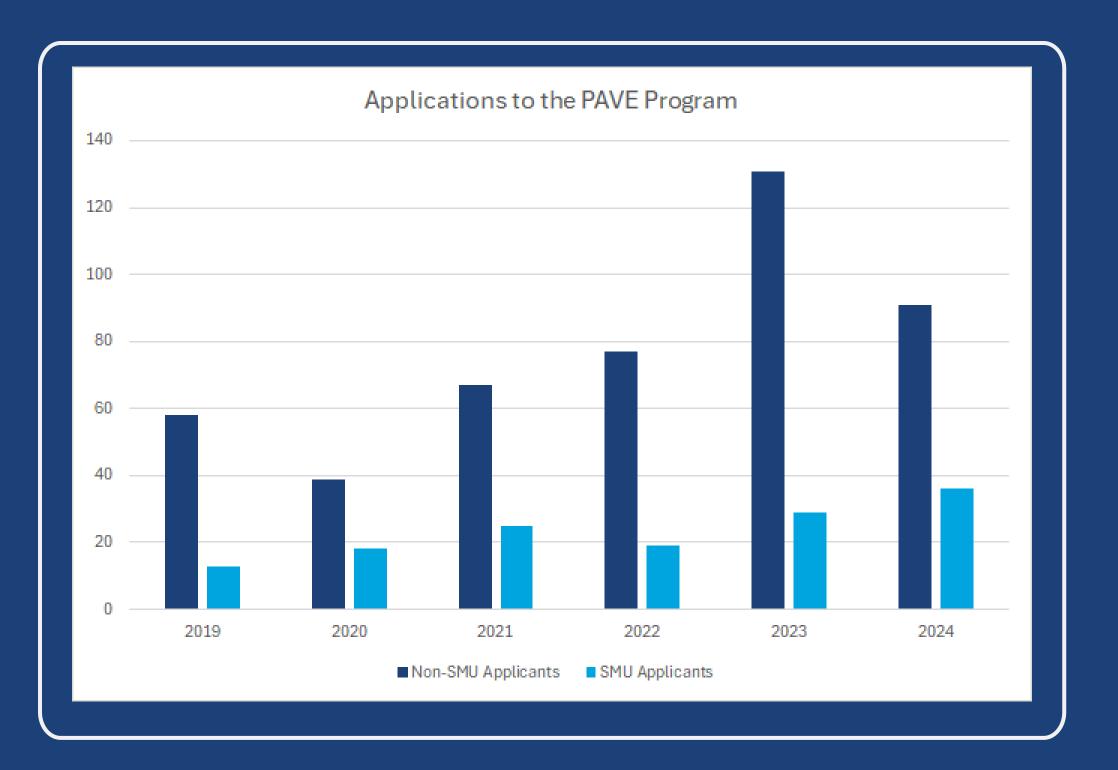
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PAVE Recognition









Certificates Issued

2024: 46

2023:51

2022: 47

2021: 28

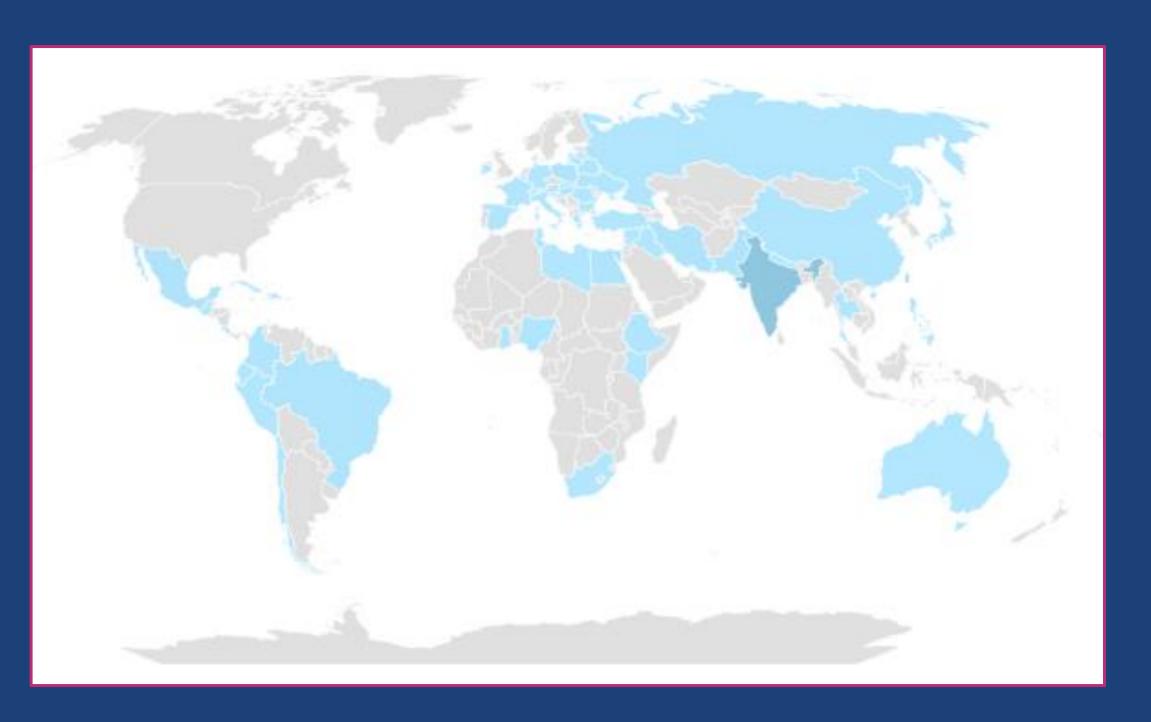
2020: 37

2019: 35



PAVE Candidates by Country

- 1 India
- 2 Korea
- 3 Taiwan
- 4 Mexico
- 5 Iran
- 6 Egypt
- 7 Brazil





Questions