

GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET
Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners
(New Administrative Regulation)

201 KAR 16:230. Examination requirements for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

RELATES TO: KRS 321.193, 321.441

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 321.193, 321.441

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 321.193 provides that the examinations required for licensure shall be approved by the board. This administrative regulation identifies the examinations that are required for licensure by the board.

Section 1. (1) The examination required for licensure by the board as a veterinarian shall be the successful completion of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

(2) Candidates shall apply to the board for verification of eligibility to take the NAVLE.

(3) Candidates seeking to take the NAVLE shall apply directly to the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) or current administrator of the NAVLE for admission to the examination.

(4) Applicants for veterinarian licensure to the board shall request and pay a fee directly to the ICVA, its designee, the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), or current official records custodian, to have test scores sent directly to the board. Unofficial copies of scores from applicants or other sources will not be accepted.

(5) Candidates for the NAVLE who do not receive a passing score must apply to the board to retake the NAVLE on the Application for Retake of the NAVLE form as found in 201 KAR 16:400 or online equivalent form.

(6) In addition to achieving a passing score on the NAVLE, applicants for licensure shall be required to achieve a score of seventy-five (75) percent or higher on the Kentucky State Board Examination which shall cover the specific requirements of KRS Chapter 321 and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

(7) The board shall recognize passing scores on the National Board Examination (NBE) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) in lieu of a NAVLE score report if the applicant for licensure completed both examinations before May, 2000.

(8) Graduates of veterinary schools or programs not approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) must also submit proof of successful completion of one of the following programs:

(a) The Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) program offered by the AVMA; or

(b) The Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) program offered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

Section 2. (1) The examination required for licensure by the board as a veterinary technician shall be the successful completion of the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).

(2) Candidates seeking to take the VTNE shall apply directly to the AAVSB or current administrator of the VTNE for verification of eligibility and admission to the examination.

(3) Applicants for veterinary technician licensure to the board shall request and pay a fee directly to the AAVSB, PSI Services, one of their designees, or to the current official records custodian to have test scores sent directly to the board. Copies of scores from applicants or other sources will not be accepted.

STEVEN J. WILLS, DVM, Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: June 14, 2019

FILED WITH LRC: June 19, 2019 at 3 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on August 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 109 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made prior to the end of the hearing. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through August 31, 2019. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation establishes the examination requirements for persons seeking a veterinary license or veterinary technician license.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This regulation is necessary to establish the examinations and passing scores that the KBVE board approves as a requirement for licensure.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 321.193 and 321.441 each require the board to approve a degree or program for each applicant for veterinary and veterinary technician licenses.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation will assist in effective administration by clearly expressing what examinations have been approved by the KBVE board.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This is a new administrative regulation.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This is a new administrative regulation.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This is a new administrative regulation.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This is a new administrative regulation.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: 2392 veterinary licenses, 421 veterinary technician licenses, and future applicants.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an

amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Applicants will be required to have passed an examination that has KBVE approval as outlined in this filing.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): No costs are associated with compliance, as this is a prerequisite for application.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Administrative ease of clear communication of the approved requirements.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: No costs are anticipated.

(b) On a continuing basis: No costs are anticipated.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation does not establish fees. Fees for the KBVE come from license and certification fees.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No fees are necessary at this time.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: No fees are established.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? No. All regulated entities have the same requirements.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The KBVE

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 321.193, KRS 321.441

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? No revenue will be generated from this filing.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? No revenue will be generated.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year?

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? Staff time will be required for record keeping. Costs will be very minimal.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): None

Expenditures (+/-): None or negligible.

Other Explanation: