

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
**Board of Veterinary Examiners**  
**(Amendment)**

**201 KAR 16:731. Examination requirements for AAHP providers.**

RELATES TO: KRS 321.175, 321.181(1)-(4), 321.235, 321.251, 321.255

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 321.175(2)(c), ~~(4)~~, (5), 321.181(1)-(4), 321.235(1)(a)-(c), (2)(b)2., 321.251, 321.255

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This certifies that this administrative regulation complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 321.175(4) states the purpose of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act is to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through, in part, setting appropriate examination requirements for allied animal health professional (AAHP) providers to ensure their competency and work readiness. KRS 321.235(1)(b) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to effectively carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. KRS 321.235(2)(b)2. authorizes the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners to establish examination requirements and passing scores for allied animal health professionals. This administrative regulation establishes examination requirements as one (1) part of the requirements to qualify for an allied animal health professional (AAHP) ~~license[permit]~~ from the board.

Section 1. State Exam Qualifications for Allied Animal Health Professional providers.

(1) The board shall require a passing score on the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners Jurisprudence Examination for AAHPs as one (1) requirement for ~~licensure[permitting]~~ by the board as an allied animal health professional.

(2) There shall be a unique Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners State Jurisprudence Examination for AAHPs for each provider type identified in KRS 321.251(2).

~~(3)~~ Candidates seeking an AAHP ~~license[permit]~~ shall pay a state examination fee pursuant to 201 KAR 16:513.

~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ Candidates shall successfully complete the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners State Jurisprudence Examination for AAHPs, which shall cover the specific requirements of KRS Chapter 321 and 201 KAR Chapter 16, in either paper or electronic format.

~~(5)~~ ~~(4)~~ To successfully complete the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners State Jurisprudence Examination for AAHPs, applicants for an AAHP ~~license[permit]~~ shall be required to achieve a score of eighty (80) percent or higher.

Section 2. National Exam Qualifications for Allied Animal Health Professionals. As one (1) component of the application for an AAHP license, the applicant shall successfully pass a national qualifying exam approved by the board.

(1) The examination required for ~~an AAHP license[permitting by the board as an allied animal health professional]~~ shall be the successful completion of a certification exam required by an approved allied animal health professional program, pursuant to 201 KAR 16:730.

(a) A candidate shall be limited to five (5) examination attempts.

(b) An official score report, verified certificate of completion, or other official documentation from the certifying body shall be provided directly from the certifying body to the board to provide proof of successful completion of the board approved exam.

~~(2) [For AAHP animal chiropractic providers, the board approved examinations and passing scores are as established in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.]~~

~~[(a)] [The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (ACVA) passing score shall be the passing score set by ACVA.]~~

~~[(b)] [The International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (ICVA) passing score shall be the passing score set by ICVA.]~~

~~[(3)]~~ Applicants for an AAHP ~~license~~~~[permit]~~ to the board shall pay any required national exam or score transfer fees directly to the approved allied animal health professional program, their designee, or official records custodian.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM EDT, at KBVE, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, Kentucky 40511. 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. 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 October 31, 2025. 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

**Contact Person:**Michelle Shane

**Subject Headings:**Animals: Domestic, Chiropractic, Equine and Horses, Occupations and Professions, Veterinary Services

**(1) Provide a brief summary of:**

**(a) What this administrative regulation does:**

This administrative regulation establishes examination requirements as one part of the requirements to qualify for an allied animal health professional (AAHP) license from the board.

**(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:**

This regulation is necessary to establish the required examinations needed for applicants to qualify for an AAHP license from the board

**(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 321.175(2)(c), (4) and (5) establish that the intent of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act is to regulate the professions of veterinary medicine, including the work of authorized allied animal health professionals. KRS 321.181(1)-(4) define key AAHP terminology. KRS 321.235(1)(b) and (2)(b) authorize the board to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to effectively carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. KRS 321.235(2)(b)2. requires the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners to establish examination requirements and passing scores for allied animal health professionals. KRS 321.251 defines the allowable AAHP professions, including equine dental providers, and requires licensure by the Board. KRS 321.253 requires AAHP providers to maintain and renew a license to provide AAHP services in the Commonwealth.

**(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This administrative regulation assists in effective administration by clearly defining the examination requirements for AAHP applicants as approved by the 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 amendment updates the administrative regulation for conformity with Acts Chapter 87; changes the “permit” to a “license”; and defines examination requirements for the added AAHP equine dental providers (EDPs).

**(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:**

This amendment is necessary to establish conformity with Acts Chapter 87 and to define examination requirements for the added AAHP EDP applicants.

**(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:**

KRS 321.175(2)(c) states the intent of KRS Chapter 321 is to regulate the professions of veterinary medicine, including work done by authorized allied animal health professional (AAHP) providers. KRS 321.175(4) states that regulations is necessary to protect the public and animals of the commonwealth. KRS 321.175(5) states that KRS Chapter 321 shall fully occupy the field of AAHP provider work on

animals to be enforced by the Board. KRS 321.181(1)-(4) defines key terms related to AAHP providers. KRS 321.235(1)(a)-(c) requires the board to implement and enforce the chapter and to promulgate administrative regulations to do so. KRS 321.235(2)(b)2 allows the Board to establish minimum requirements for AAHP licensees. KRS 321.251 defines the allowable AAHP professions, including equine dental providers, and requires licensure by the Board.

**(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:**

This amendment will assist in effective administration by clearly expressing the examination requirements approved by the board for AAHP provider applicants.

**(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? This administration implements legislation by the General Assembly in Acts Chapter 95 in 2023 and Acts Chapter 87 in 2025.**

**(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:**

Future applicants to the board for an AAHP license. The board anticipates receiving approximately 45 initial applications for this credential under the new laws, and one-two (1-2) annually in future years.

**(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) 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 (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:**

Applicants will be required to complete board approved AAHP examinations within the approved scope for the AAHP work to qualify for licensure as an AAHP provider in Kentucky.

**(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):**

There will not be any additional costs to the applicant. This administrative regulation simply clarifies the examination requirements needed to obtain an AAHP license and provide public protection related to competency to perform services.

**(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):**

Applicants who complete the required AAHP examinations shall have met one (1) of the requirements of the board for licensure as an AAHP provider.

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

**(a) Initially:**

Enforcement of this regulation will be accomplished using current funding.

**(b) On a continuing basis:**

The KBVE expects that, on an ongoing basis, the agency will enforce the provisions of this regulation using the current funding available to the agency.

**(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:**

KBVE does not receive any general funds. All funds for the agency come from application fees, service fees, and administrative fines.

**(8) 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:**

There is no anticipation of an increase in fees to implement this administrative regulation, as the KBVE is already running an administrative program to process applications and an enforcement program to ensure compliance.

**(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:**

This regulation does not establish or increase any fees, directly or indirectly.

**(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?**

Tiering is not applied because this administrative regulation applies to all premises at which the practice of an AAHP provider occurs, except those entities excluded under KRS 321.200, KRS 321.181(2), and 201 KAR 16:772, Section 3.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:**

KRS 321.175(2)(c), (4), (5), 321.181(1)-(4), 321.235(1)(a)-(c), (2)(b)2. , 321.251, 321.255

**(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:**

This administration is expressly authorized by the General Assembly in Acts Chapter 95 in 2023 and Acts Chapter 87 in 2025.

**(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:**

There are no other affected state units, parts, or divisions.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:**The KBVE expects that it may enforce this provision of its regulations using existing fund available to the agency in the first year.

**For subsequent years:**The KBVE expects that, in subsequent years, the agency will enforce the provisions of this regulation using the funding available to the agency.

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:**There is no revenue generated by this filing.

**For subsequent years:**There is no revenue generated by this filing.

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:**There will be no cost savings; this administrative regulation simply codifies examination requirements for persons applying for an AAHP license, making them easily accessible for regulated entities.

**For subsequent years:**There will be no cost savings; this administrative regulation simply codifies examination requirements for persons applying for an AAHP license.

**(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):**

KBVE does not anticipate that any local entities will be impacted.

**(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:**N/A

**For subsequent years:**N/A

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:**N/A

**For subsequent years:**N/A

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:N/A**

**For subsequent years:N/A**

**(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):**

KBVE does not anticipate that any other regulated entities will be impacted.

**(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):**

**1. Expenditures:**

**For the first year:N/A**

**For subsequent years:N/A**

**2. Revenues:**

**For the first year:N/A**

**For subsequent years:N/A**

**3. Cost Savings:**

**For the first year:N/A**

**For subsequent years:N/A**

**(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)**

**(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:**

This administrative regulation does not set fees and will not bring in revenue. This filing only impacts individuals seeking a license to practice as an AAHP provider in Kentucky.

**(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

Budget reports and licensure reports were inputted into a large spreadsheet to calculate all board revenues, expenditures, proposed fees, and estimated quantities of applications based on historical numbers. Projections were calculated ten (10) years out to F.Y. 2036.

**(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):**

**(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14):**

This administrative regulation shall not have a "major economic impact", as defined in KRS 13A.010(13). This administrative regulation does not set fees and will not bring in revenue.

**(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:**

This amendment will not have a negative impact, as no fees are established or collected as a part of this administrative regulation.