

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____

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Vet 300

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>Board of Veterinary Medicine c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: RSA 541-A:16, I(b) and RSA 332-B:7-a, II and IV</p> <p>3. Federal Authority: n/a</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption <u> X </u></p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment _____</p>
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5. Short Title: **Registration or Licensing Requirements**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

Chapter Vet 300 specifies registration or licensing requirements to practice veterinary medicine.

Proposed Vet 301.01 describes the application procedures and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 1/28/20 with changes as follows:

- **Update the application for veterinary license form;**
- **Clarify the procedures for submission and review of the from and supporting documents; and**
- **Describe the issuance of the license.**

Proposed Vet 302 describes the qualification for each applicant for licensure and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 8/1/19 and expired on 1/28/20 to include PAVE certification or other certification by a PAVE approved program as a veterinary school accrediting body and clarify the description of what is included in “good professional character”.

Proposed Vet 303 describes examination and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 8/1/19 and expired on 1/28/20 to clarify the jurisprudence examination and require that it be given in Concord NH or by mail to qualified applicants.

Proposed Vet 304 describes reciprocity and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 8/1/19 and expired on 1/28/20 to clarify the documents required to be submitted with the application for licensure form.

Proposed Vet 305 describes a temporary permit and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 8/1/19 and expired on 1/28/20 with changes as follows to:

- **Remove definitions;**
- **Insert a description of who the temporary permit shall be granted to;**

- Amend the obligations of temporary permit holder by clarifying the requirements that must be met and include taking and passing the NH jurisprudence examination;
- Insert a description of the temporary permit; and
- Insert the approval or denial of the permit process.

Proposed Vet 306 describes the fees to be assessed and is being adopted again after having been previously effective 8/1/19 and expired on 1/28/20 to remove those fees set in other rule by the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) and to modify the remaining fees as agreed upon with OPLC. Fees are being modified or added as follows:

- The veterinarian application fee is being reduced from \$175.00 to \$155.00;
- The license renewal fee is being increased from \$150.00 to \$155.00;
- The \$200.00 annual license renewal fee for licenses received after December 31st is being removed;
- There is a reinstatement fee of \$155.00 being established;
- There is a \$20.00 fee for the physician health program being established; and
- There are various other fees being removed that have been established in Plc 1001.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Those groups affected by these rules are applicants to become licensed as veterinarians, those seeking reciprocity for licensure, and those seeking a temporary permit to practice.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Statute Implemented
Vet 301.01	RSA 332-B:9; RSA 318-B:41
Vet 302.01 and 302.02	RSA 332-B:9 & RSA 332-B:11
Vet 303.01 and 303.02	RSA 332-B:10
Vet 304.01	RSA 332-B:12
Vet 305.01 thru 305.04	RSA 332-B:7, III
Vet 306.01 and 306.02	RSA 332-B:13, I

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Wed., April 20, 2022 at the conclusion of the public hearing.**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

Place: **Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 22:030, dated 3/3/2022

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

Not applicable as the previous rules expired in January 2020.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

When compared to the expired rules, the proposed rule decreases the Veterinarian application fee from \$175 to \$155, a \$20 decrease. It also increases the annual license renewal fee for applications received prior to December 31st from \$150 to \$155 and removes the \$200 annual license renewal fee for licenses received after December 31st. It establishes a reinstatement of licensure fee in the amount of \$155 as well a \$20 fee for the physician health program licensure. It removes various other fees to coincide with OPLC Plc 1001. The increase and decrease in fees are indeterminable. However, the Board of Veterinary Medicine received revenue of \$178,990 between 7/1/2020 and 6/30/2021 under the previous rules.

A. To State general or State special funds:

There will be no direct impact on the State general fund, however after paying all costs and salaries associated with the Office, any remaining balance in the fund lapses to the general fund at the close of each biennium. There will be additional revenue to the office of professional licensure and certification fund from the proposed certification and renewal fees.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

There would be an indeterminable impact to State citizens to the extent they are Veterinarians as some fees are going up and some fees are going down. There is no impact to political subdivisions.

C. To independently owned businesses:

There would be an indeterminable impact to independently owned businesses who pay for their employee's Veterinarian fees.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

These rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. These rules do not mandate or assign this program to any political subdivision in any way.