



ORDRE DES MÉDECINS VÉTÉRINAIRES DU QUÉBEC

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IN QUEBEC

Any applicant who wish to practice veterinary medicine in Quebec must obtain a license from the « *Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec* » (OMVQ) in accordance with the Law and regulation in application.

APPLICANT GRADUATED FROM A NON-CANADIAN UNIVERSITY, NON-ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AVMA)

Procedure to obtain a veterinary license :

- Succeed to the National Examining Board Examination
- Obtain an equivalence of diploma from the «Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec»
- Succeed the Law and regulation Examination administered by the OMVQ
- Proof of good working knowledge of French language.

NOTE: The applicant should first contact the National Examining Board for information about inscription and fees for the examination prior to leave his country.

1 – NATIONAL EXAMINING BOARD EXAMINATION

The National Examining Board (NEB) is a body established by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) to administer the National Examining Board Examination. The NEB reviews and evaluates credentials of graduates of non-Canadian colleges of veterinary medicine who wish to obtain a license in Canada.

The Examination is administered only in North America, in French or English language. Note that a lack of proficiency in English or French language can be a reason to fail in the exam. At the time of applying to become a candidate of the NEB, one must provide a score report for one of the accepted language proficiency examinations that is no more than two years old.

The Examination comprises three parts:

- BCSE (Basic and Clinical Science Exam): the first part of the exam is designed to assess basic and clinical veterinary sciences knowledge. The knowledge level expected to receive a passing score on the BCSE is that of an entry-level veterinarian (i.e., a new graduate of an accredited veterinary school). The computer-based BCSE consists of 200 multiple-choice questions, many with graphics, which must be completed within a 220-minutes test session. The BCSE must be completed before one may appear for the NAVLE or the CPE. Currently, the fee for the BCSE is \$ 210.00 (including taxes).
- CPE (Clinical Proficiency Examination): This second part of the exam is a practical examination of the candidate's medical and surgical skills. It is designed to assess the candidate's ability to handle actual medical, surgical and diagnostic problems in a clinical or hospital setting. The CPE requires four days to complete and involves the examination and treatment of live animals and the performance of routine laboratory procedures. Currently, the fee for the CPE is \$ 7 560.00 including taxes).
- NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination): This third part of the exam comprises 360 multiple-choice questions, which are administered one at a time by computer. This exam is designed to measure one's general knowledge base in the various scientific and clinical disciplines required in veterinary medicine. The NAVLE requires one full day to complete and the fee charged by the NEB is currently \$ 934.50 (including taxes).

For questions or registration to the National Examining Board, please see the address and phone number of the NEB at the end of this document.

2 - EQUIVALENCE OF DIPLOMA

The applicant must send these required documents for the equivalence of diploma:

- ❖ Licensure application form;
- ❖ Photograph, signed on reverse;
- ❖ Birth certificate;
- ❖ Academic record with description of courses and results of the candidate;
- ❖ Notarized copy of Veterinary Medicine Diploma;
- ❖ Other(s) diploma(s);
- ❖ Legal authorization to practise veterinary medicine outside Quebec (Letter of Good Standing);
- ❖ Curriculum Vitae;
- ❖ Certificate of Qualification from NEB, after the success of the NEB exams;
- ❖ Attestation of good working knowledge in French, if necessary;
- ❖ Payment of dues for evaluation of documents for equivalence of diploma;
- ❖ Copy of disciplinary verdict, if necessary;
- ❖ Copy of court decision, if necessary.

All documents which are not in French or in English must be accompanied by an official translation in French or in English.

3 – LAW AND REGULATION EXAMINATION

The OMVQ will send to the candidate the legislative documents needed for the preparation of the examination. The examination consists of 42 questions for one and a half hour duration. The candidate must take an appointment with the OMVQ to write this exam.

4 – PROOF OF GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE

In accordance with section 35 of the Charter of French language, the candidate must have a knowledge of the official language appropriate to the practice of his profession. If not, the person must obtain a certificate issued by the « *Office québécois de la langue française* » after succeeding to French examination.

The candidate granted with a license must then register annually to OMVQ to practice veterinary medicine.

FEES¹

EQUIVALENCE OF DIPLOMA

Equivalence of diploma \$ 450,00 \$

These fees must be paid in Canadian dollars to the « *Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec* ». All documents and payment must be addressed to:

Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec
800 Sainte-Anne Avenue, Suite 200
Saint-Hyacinthe, (Quebec) J2S 5G7
Phone: (450) 774-1427 or 1 800 267-1427
Fax: (450) 774-7635
omvq@omvq.qc.ca

NATIONAL EXAMINING BOARD EXAMINATION

Application and document examination fee	\$ 472.50
BCSE (Basic and Clinical Science Exam)	\$ 210.00
CPE (Clinical Proficiency Examination)	\$ 7 560.00
NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination)	\$ 934.50

These fees (prices can change) must be paid in Canadian dollars to the:

National Examining Board
Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
339, Booth Street
Ottawa (Ontario) K1R 7K1
Phone: (613) 236-1162 or 1 800 567-2862
Fax : (613) 236-9681

Mr. Maxwell Hollins
mhollins@cvma-acmv.org

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LICENSURE

Administrative expenses	\$ 62.00
Law and regulation examination	\$ 80.00

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Annual fees (April 1 st , 2012 to March 31 st , 2013)	\$ 788.00
Contribution to the <i>Office des professions</i> (2012-2013)	\$ 22.45

Professional liability insurance is mandatory.

¹ Taxes are not included