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Readopt with amendment Vet 301.01, effective 12-19-22, (Document #13467), to read as follows:

Vet 301.01 Application Procedures.

(a) Each applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine shall: ~~complete and submit the form “Application for Veterinary Licensure” revised 8/2022.~~

~~—(b) The form shall:~~

~~(1) Require the applicant’s social security number for the purpose of child support enforcement in compliance with RSA 161-B:11. **Complete and submit the “Universal Application for Initial License”, dated April 2024, which contains the information required by Plc 304.05, the documentation required by Plc 304.04, and the signature and attestation specified in Plc 304.05;**~~

~~(2) Be signed and dated by the applicant; and~~

~~(3) (2) Be accompanied by **Submit** the application fee described in ~~Vet 305.01~~ **Plc 1002.51.**~~

~~—(c) Each applicant shall submit the documents described in (e) below.~~

~~(d) The applicant for licensure shall submit the application and all supporting documentation to complete the licensing application process within 6 months of the board’s receipt of the application or any of the required documents. If the applicant fails to provide the documentation within 6 months, the application shall be considered abandoned, and the board will notify the applicant.~~

~~—(e) If the board, after receiving and reviewing a completed license application packet requires further information or documents to determine the eligibility for licensure, the board shall:~~

~~(1) So notify the applicant in writing within 30 days; and~~

~~(2) Specify the information or documents it requires.~~

~~—(f) Within 60 days of the date the initial application is completed, the board shall issue written approval, or intent to deny, the application.~~

~~—(g) The applicant shall~~

~~(3) **Submit** or cause to have submitted through the American Association of Veterinary State Board’s Veterinary Application for Uniform Licensure Transfer (VAULT) portal the following documents **in addition to the application:**~~

~~(1) **(a)** Scores forwarded directly from Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA) that prove the applicant has passed both the National Board Exam (NBE) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT), or the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE);~~

~~(2) **(b)** Verification of licensure submitted directly to the board from each state or jurisdiction where the applicant has ever been licensed;~~

~~(3) **(c)** Certified transcripts shall be sent directly to the board from the veterinary school. If transcripts are not in English, an officially translated copy shall be forwarded to the board;~~

~~(4) **(d)** An applicant who graduated from a veterinary school not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) shall have the AVMA submit a letter to the board verifying that the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certification program was~~

completed; or, if applicable, a certified copy of the Certificate of Qualification issued by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association shall be forwarded to the board;

~~(5)~~ (e) A current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume;

~~(6)~~ (f) Two letters of recommendation sent directly to the board from practicing veterinarians who can attest to the veterinary abilities of the applicant within the last 5 years. Applicants who have graduated in the current calendar year and who have not been practicing shall be exempt from this requirement; and

~~(7) Detailed information of pending complaints or disciplinary action taken in another state or jurisdiction relating in any way to the practice of veterinary medicine.~~

~~(h) Any material misrepresentation on such application shall disqualify the applicant.~~

~~(i)~~ (g) An applicant applying through this state to take the NAVLE may access both the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) NAVLE application and the NAVLE online approval form via the NBVME website. The applicant shall submit both directly to the NBVME by the deadlines posted on that website.

~~(j)~~ (h) If an applicant possesses a United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number to prescribe schedules II-IV controlled substances pursuant to RSA 318-B:33, the applicant for licensure shall register with the NH prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), pursuant to RSA 318-B:33, II and Ph 1503.01 (a). Failure to register within 90 days of the initial issuance of a license shall constitute professional misconduct and shall be grounds for disciplinary action. A licensee shall not engage in the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances in schedules II-IV without having registered with the PDMP.

~~(k)~~ (i) The license shall be issued under the legal name of the licensee and that shall be the name used by the licensed veterinarian in all practice publications, advertising, and billing material.

Readopt with amendment Vet 302.01, effective 12-19-22 (Document #13467), to read as follows:

Vet 302.01 Qualifications. Each applicant for licensure ~~by the board~~ shall:

(a) Be 18 years of age or more;

(b) Have graduated from an AVMA accredited veterinary school or any other veterinary school that meets the minimum standards established by the AVMA for its approval, or have obtained an ECFVG or PAVE certificate or other certification program completed by the applicant that meets the ECFVG or PAVE program minimum standards in the view of the board in the application review;

(c) Be a person of good professional character in accordance with Vet 302.02: and

(d) Have a passing grade of 70% or higher for both the NBE and the CCT, or the NAVLE.

Readopt with amendment Vet 303.01, effective 12-19-22 (Document #13467), to read as follows:

Vet 303.01 Examination Subjects. Applicants shall ~~be prepared to be~~ examined in the laws and rules affecting the practice of veterinary medicine in New Hampshire.

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Repeal Vet 304, effective 12-19-22, (Document #13467), and hold said section in reserve as follows:

PART Vet 304 ~~RECIPROCITY~~ ***RESERVED***

Vet 304.01 ~~Reciprocity Application Procedures.~~

~~(a) The candidate for reciprocity shall:~~

~~(1) Have been licensed in another jurisdiction for at least 5 years; and~~

~~(2) Have practiced clinical veterinary medicine for at least 1,000 hours during 3 of the previous 5 calendar years with a minimum of 3,000 practice hours.~~

~~(b) An applicant seeking reciprocity shall apply by submitting the application described in Vet 301.01(a) and comply with the requirement for completion of the submission described in Vet 301.01(c);~~

~~(c) An applicant seeking to qualify through reciprocity shall submit all documents described in Vet 301.01(f) except for letters of recommendation described in Vet 301.01(f)(6);~~

~~(d) The documents required by (c) above shall be submitted by the applicant as described in Vet 301.01(f) (1) through (7) or the applicant shall have the required documents submitted through the Association of Veterinary State Board's VAULT portal.~~

Adopt Vet 307 to read as follows:

PART Vet 307 **CONDITIONAL LICENSURE**

Vet 307.01 Conditional Licensure Eligibility.

(a) The licensing bureau shall issue conditional licenses rather than full licenses to applicants who are graduates of a non-AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine who meet the following qualifications:

(1) Applicant must be enrolled in the ECFVG certificate program and have completed all but the clinical practice examination (CPE).

(2) Applicant has successfully passed the jurisprudence examination pursuant to Vet 303.

(3) Applicant has submitted the "Universal Application for Initial License", dated April 2024, which contains the information required by Plc 304.05, the documentation required by Plc 304.04, and the signature and attestation specified in Plc 304.05.

(4) Applicant has submitted the applicable fee pursuant to Plc 1002.51.

(5) Applicant is a person of good professional character in accordance with Vet 302.02.

(6) Applicant is 18 years or older.

Vet 307.02 Conditional License Duration.

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(a) Conditional licenses shall be valid for 2 years from the date of issuance, or until the licensee obtains ECFVG certification and receives a full license.

(b) An ECFVG candidate who does not pass a CPE examination may apply to renew ore reinstate their conditional license, however, a conditional license may not be renewed or reinstated more than once.

Vet 307.03 Practice Under a Licensed Veterinarian Pursuant to RSA 332-B:11, II, conditional licensees shall practice under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in New Hampshire.

APPENDIX I

Rule	Specific State Statute Which the Rule Implements
Vet 301.01	RSA 332-B:9; RSA 318-B:41
Vet 302.01	RSA 332-B:9
Vet 303.01	RSA 332-B:10
Vet 304 (repeal)	2024, 327:274, VI
Vet 307	RSA 332-B:11