

Notice Number 2024-238

Rule Number Vet 300 various

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Board of Veterinary Medicine
c/o Office of Professional Licensure and
Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 332-B:7-a, II

3. Federal Authority: N/A

4. Type of Action:

Adoption X

Repeal X

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment X

5. Short Title: **Registration and Licensing Requirements**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

Vet 301 describes the application procedures for individuals seeking a license to practice veterinary medicine. The Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) proposes to readopt with amendment Vet 301.01 on application procedures to incorporate Plc 304 on initial licensure. The Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) was granted rulemaking authority in RSA 310:6, II to adopt rules for application procedures, pursuant to 2023, 235:8, effective July 15, 2023. Vet 301.02 on abandoned applications previously effective August 1, 2019 as an interim rule, and expired on January 28, 2020, is not addressed in this proposal. The Board has not enforced this rule after expiration.

Vet 302 describes the qualifications for licensure to practice veterinary medicine. Vet 303 describes the examination subjects, passing grade, and retention policy for jurisprudence examinations. The Board proposes to readopt with amendment Vet 302.01 on qualifications, and Vet 303.01 on examination subjects, to provide clarity in the introductory language.

Vet 304 describes licensure by reciprocity. The Board proposes to repeal Vet 304 on reciprocity and adopt new Vet 307 on conditional licensure. RSA 332-B:11 on licensure by reciprocity was repealed pursuant to 2024, 274, VI, effective July 1, 2024, and subsequently reenacted as conditional licensure pursuant to 2024, 246:1, effective September 17, 2024.

OPLC was granted authority in RSA 310:17 to issue licenses to professionals who hold an active license in good standing in a jurisdiction with substantially similar requirements as are required in this state, pursuant to 2023, 111:1, effective August 27, 2023.

Vet 305.01 defining “direct supervision”, “indirect supervision”, and “permittee” was previously effective August 1, 2019, as an interim rule, and expired on January 28, 2020. Vet 305.01 is not addressed in this proposal. The Board has not enforced this rule after expiration.

Vet 306 on fees, previously effective August 1, 2019, as an interim rule, and expired on January 28, 2020, is not addressed in this proposal. The Board has not enforced this rule after expiration. OPLC was granted rulemaking authority in RSA 310:6, I to adopt rules relative to the establishment and collection of the fees set forth in RSA 310:5, I, pursuant to 2023, 235:8, effective July 15, 2023.

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

Veterinarians and applicants seeking licensure as a veterinarian are affected by this proposed action.

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

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

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: **Monday, February 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m..**
Physical Location: **OPLC
7 Eagle Sq
Concord, NH 03301**
Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

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

FIS # 24:242, dated November 12, 2024

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

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Vet 307 as this is a new rule, and is established per RSA 332-B:11, and any cost or benefits would be attributable to the statute.

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):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

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

There are no costs associated with these rules, and these rules do not apply to political subdivisions. These rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures, and so do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution