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87-02-01-01. License renewal.

1. Annual license renewal notice will be provided to all licensed veterinarians on or before June first and completed license renewal must be received by June thirtieth.
2. The annual license renewal fee for veterinarians is ninety dollars and must be received by June thirtieth of each year.
3. Renewals not received by the due date will be assessed a late fee of fifty percent of the license fee.
4. A license may be renewed for two years after it expires by payment of all past-due renewal registration fees and late fees and completion of continuing education requirements. If more than two years have passed since expiration, a new application for licensure must be made and the North Dakota examination must be completed.

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General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.3

87-02-01-02. Educational program attendance required.

Each licensed veterinarian, except as otherwise provided, shall be required to receive twenty-four hours of veterinary continuing education, approved by the board, in the twenty-four months preceding each even-year renewal date. Veterinary continuing education is defined as an educational program which will enhance the licenseholder's professional ability to serve the public and which has the prior approval of the board.

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General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.3

87-02-01-03. Educational program requirement waiver.

The board may waive the continuing education requirements for an individual, upon the individual's request, for any of the following reasons:

1. Impaired health.

2. For individuals who have reached the age of sixty-five and are no longer actively engaged in practice and have so indicated on their license renewal form. The license of such an individual will be placed on inactive status and the individual subsequently may not practice veterinary medicine in North Dakota until the individual becomes current as to continuing education requirements.
3. For other legitimate reasons as presented and verified to the board at one of its regular meetings.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.3

87-02-01-04. Educational program requirements.

Veterinary continuing education may consist of the following:

1. Programs sponsored by local, state, regional, or national veterinary associations.
2. Seminars or training approved by the North Dakota veterinary medical examining board. The seminars or training may be approved only if they relate to the practice of veterinary medicine, as defined by subsection 8 of North Dakota Century Code section 43-29-01.1, and consist of evidence-based scientific material.
3. Programs approved by the registry of approved continuing education of the American association of veterinary state boards.
4. Wet labs or instructions, or both, taken at a college or university, the subject material of which must pertain to veterinary medicine.
5. Programs presented by pharmaceutical companies and other commercial groups may be approved, as long as they consist of objective presentations of scientific information and are not designed principally to sell products to the veterinarian or the animal owner.
6. A maximum of eight hours of participation in a clinical setting at another veterinary practice and completion of the written report required by the board's veterinary exchange program.
7. A maximum of eight hours of veterinary continuing education may relate to practice management. Programs designed to enhance the veterinarian's ability to earn money or invest money, or that relate to personal financial planning do not meet continuing education requirements.
8. A maximum of twelve hours of approved veterinary continuing education may be obtained through professional written journals or technology-based methods relevant to the practice of veterinary medicine.

Proof of attendance and verification will be necessary on request. Verification may include a printed program, certificate, brochure, handout, or syllabus that lists the topics presented, the persons doing the instruction and their qualifications, and the time for each presentation. Verification may be completed through a third-party database at the discretion of the board.

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87-02-01-05. Notice of failure to comply.

If a licensed veterinarian fails to complete the continuing education requirements, a written notice shall be sent to the licenseholder. At the discretion of the board, a six-month grace period may be allowed to make up the requirement. If, after six months, the requirements have not been met, the license will be revoked, suspended, or placed on probationary status.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.3

87-02-01-06. Discipline reporting.

A licensed veterinarian is required to affirmatively report any initiated disciplinary action from any other regulatory body to the board within thirty days of that other regulatory body's initiation of the disciplinary action.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-03

87-02-01-07. Name change.

A licensed veterinarian must report any personal name change to the board within thirty days. Proper documentation must be provided upon request.

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