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87-02-01-01. License renewal.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

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

Each veterinarian is 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, unless the veterinarian has have been approved by the board for a continuing education waiver. Veterinary continuing education is defined as an educational program which enhances the licenseholder's professional ability to serve the public and which has the prior approval of the board. For a veterinarian who is issued a license fewer than twenty-four months prior to the even-year renewal date, the required continuing education must be adjusted accordingly.

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General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.3

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 are no longer actively engaged in practice and have so indicated on their license renewal form. The license of the individual must be placed on inactive status and the individual subsequently may not practice veterinary medicine in North Dakota until the individual satisfies the continuing education requirements for the years the license was on inactive status.
3. For other legitimate reasons as presented and verified to the board at one of its regular meetings.

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

1. Veterinary continuing education may consist of the following:
 - a. Programs sponsored by local, state, regional, or national veterinary associations.
 - b. Seminars or training approved by the North Dakota veterinary medical examining board. The seminars or training may be approved if they relate to the practice of veterinary medicine, as defined by subsection 18 of North Dakota Century Code section 43-29-01.1, and consist of evidence-based scientific material.
 - c. Programs approved by the registry of approved continuing education of the American association of veterinary state boards.
 - d. Wet labs or instructions, or both, taken at a college or university, the subject material of which must pertain to veterinary medicine.
 - e. Programs presented by pharmaceutical companies and other commercial groups may be approved, if they consist of objective presentations of scientific information and are not designed principally to sell products to the veterinarian or client.
 - f. United States department of agriculture modules, which may be approved if completed for the purpose of initial accreditation or accreditation renewal. Each self-study accreditation module is eligible for one-half credit of continuing education.
 - g. In-person attendance at a regular board meeting. This does not apply to an individual who is serving as a board member or who is the subject of a complaint or board investigation being discussed at the meeting.
2. Continuing education must be categorized by the following type of education or method of delivery:
 - a. In-person continuing education is defined as a presentation for which the presenter is in the same room as the attendee.
 - b. Live virtual continuing education is defined as a presentation for which the presenter is utilizing technology to deliver a presentation to an attendee in real time and communication between the speaker and attendee is available.
 - c. Prerecorded virtual continuing education is defined as a presentation for which the presenter is utilizing technology to deliver a presentation that is not in real time and communication between the speaker and attendee is not available.
 - d. The veterinary exchange program consists of participation in a clinical setting at another veterinary practice with the purpose of learning new skills or techniques. Completion of a written report is required.
3. One hour of continuing education credit must be given for each period of not less than fifty minutes of attendance at an approved continuing education program.
4. The following limits on continuing education apply:
 - a. 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.

- b. A maximum of eight hours of veterinary continuing education may be done through the veterinary exchange program.
 - c. A maximum of four hours of veterinary continuing education may be done through in-person board meeting attendance.
 - d. Eighteen of the twenty-four hours of approved veterinary continuing education must be completed through in-person or live virtual methods of delivery.
5. Proof of attendance and verification must be provided on request. Verification may include a program, certificate, brochure, handout, or syllabus that lists the topics presented, the individual instructing, the individual's 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 veterinarian fails to complete the continuing education requirements, notice must 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 must be revoked, suspended, or placed on probationary status.

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87-02-01-06. Discipline reporting.

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87-02-01-07. Name change.

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