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**87-01.1-01-01. Examination - Waiver.**

1. To qualify for a North Dakota license, each applicant must take and pass a North Dakota examination, and the national board examination and the clinical competency test or the North American veterinary licensing examination. The North Dakota examination is a combination written jurisprudence examination and oral interview.
2. The board adopts the passing score on the national examination recommended by the national board of veterinary medical examiners. Applicants must request that their examination scores be sent to the board.
3. The North American veterinary licensing examination is required of all applicants for licensure in North Dakota who have been in practice less than five years. For an applicant who has been in practice more than five years, the applicant may petition the board to waive this requirement if the applicant meets the requirements of North Dakota Century Code section 43-29-07.2.
4. The North Dakota examination may not be waived.
5. A senior veterinary student may take the North Dakota examination if the student has taken and passed the North American veterinary licensing examination and submits a letter from the dean of a veterinary college indicating the student's anticipated graduation date.
6. North Dakota candidates may apply for and take the North American veterinary licensing examination according to eligibility criteria, deadlines, and fees specified in the annual agreement between the board and the national board of veterinary medical examiners.
7. Beginning with the fall 2007 administration of the North American veterinary licensing examination, a candidate may not take the examination more than five times, and may not take the examination at a date that is later than five years after a candidate's initial attempt. Each of the final two attempts must be at least one year from the previous attempt.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.2

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-29-07.2

**87-01.1-01-02. Examination application fee.**

An applicant for the North Dakota examination must file with the board a completed application, a copy of the applicant's diploma or other official proof of graduation, and an examination fee of fifty

dollars. The examination fee will not be refunded. All required material and money must be submitted thirty days prior to the examination date.

**History:** Effective January 1, 1999; amended effective November 1, 2000; December 1, 2004; January 1, 2014.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-29-07.2

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-29-07.2

#### **87-01.1-01-03. Permit.**

An applicant who has taken and passed the national board examination and clinical competency test or the North American veterinary licensing examination and has not for good cause taken the North Dakota test may obtain a permit to practice in North Dakota until the next examination is given. The fee for the permit is twenty-five dollars. A permit expires on the date the next examination is given.

**History:** Effective January 1, 1999; amended effective November 1, 2000.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-29-07.2

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-29-07.2

#### **87-01.1-01-04. Veterinarians from nonaccredited institutions.**

1. For a graduate of a nonaccredited veterinary college to qualify to write the North Dakota examination, the graduate must have a certificate issued by the educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates or the educational equivalence program of the American association of veterinary state boards.
2. All credentials from foreign institutions must be translated into English over the signature and seal of the consul of the country in which such documents may have been issued and said consul must certify that said institution is recognized and approved by the authorities as a veterinary college in the country where it is located.
3. Candidates from nonaccredited colleges must be enrolled in the educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates program or the educational equivalence program of the American association of veterinary state boards in order to be approved to take the North American veterinary licensing examination.

**History:** Effective January 1, 1999; amended effective November 1, 2000; June 1, 2002.

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