

21 NCAC 66 .0311 LIMITED VETERINARY LICENSE

(a) A "limited veterinary license" or "limited license" is a license as defined in G.S. 90-181(4).

(b) Unless otherwise provided in G.S. 90, Article 11 or in a Board rule, the provisions of G.S. 90, Article 11 and this Chapter are applicable to limited veterinary licenses.

(c) The terms and restrictions of the scope or areas of practice of veterinary medicine of the holder of the limited veterinary license shall be determined by the Board upon consideration of all criteria deemed relevant by the Board to effectuate the purposes of the limited license, including:

- (1) whether the applicant is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in other states of the United States, or other countries or jurisdictions, whether those licenses are active, and whether there are any investigations or pending complaints against the licenses at the time of the consideration of the application;
- (2) the length of time the applicant has been licensed in good standing to practice veterinary medicine;
- (3) the reasons that the applicant offers for requesting a limited veterinary license;
- (4) whether facts available to the Board indicate the applicant's application has merit; and
- (5) any information affecting the applicant's capability and need for a limited veterinary license, determined on a case-by-case basis, including the applicant's record of any criminal charges and convictions.

(d) Upon written application, the Board may issue a limited veterinary license to a person employed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) in a position with the North Carolina Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System (NCVDLS), provided the applicant meets the criteria for issuance of this limited veterinary license. The following provisions are applicable to this limited veterinary license:

- (1) The criteria for eligibility for this limited veterinary license are:
 - (A) The applicant is not eligible for a license as a veterinarian under G.S. 90, Article 11 and this Chapter.
 - (B) The applicant:
 - (i) is a graduate of a veterinary medical education program at an institution accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA); or
 - (ii) is a graduate of a veterinary medical education program at an institution of higher education or its equivalent, not accredited by the AVMA, that qualifies a graduate to practice veterinary medicine in the country where the institution of higher education is located.
 - (C) The applicant completes an application form from the Board, which shall request the following information from the applicant:
 - (i) full legal name;
 - (ii) mailing address;
 - (iii) telephone number;
 - (iv) email address;
 - (v) social security number;
 - (vi) date of birth; and
 - (vii) veterinary college information and year of graduation.
 - (D) The applicant has achieved a passing score on the written North Carolina examination administered by the Board.
 - (E) There is no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint pending against the applicant in any State, territory, or district of the United States, or in a foreign country where the applicant is or has been licensed or permitted to practice veterinary medicine.
 - (F) That any disciplinary actions taken against the applicant or his or her license by any State, territory, or district of the United States, or by a Board or agency with jurisdiction in a foreign country where the applicant is licensed to practice veterinary medicine will not affect the applicant's ability and competency to practice veterinary medicine within the limitations and restrictions of the employment position with NCVDLS.
 - (G) The applicant submits with the application the fee for a limited veterinary license set forth in Rule .0108 of this Chapter.
 - (H) The applicant provides to the Board with the application a written statement from the Director of Laboratories of the NCVDLS that:
 - (i) describes the duties of the applicant's prospective employment position with NCVDLS that require this limited veterinary license; and

- (ii) advises the Board that the applicant has been offered and has agreed to accept the described employment position with NCVDLs contingent upon the applicant receiving a limited veterinary license from the Board.
- (2) The applicant shall request for the limited veterinary license to be renewed annually each calendar year.
- (3) The Board may issue a temporary permit for this limited veterinary license as follows:
 - (A) The applicant meets the criteria for eligibility for this limited veterinary license except for not achieving a passing score on the written North Carolina examination.
 - (B) The temporary permit shall expire 60 days after it is issued by the Board, but upon written request from the applicant, the Board shall renew the temporary permit for 120 days in order for the applicant to achieve a passing score on the written North Carolina examination.
 - (C) The temporary permit shall contain restrictions as to time, place, and supervision of the licensee.
 - (D) The holder of a temporary permit for this limited veterinary license shall be supervised by a veterinarian licensed by the Board who is employed by the NCDA&CS in the NCVDLs.
- (4) This limited veterinary license shall be restricted in scope to the duties of the license holder's employment position with NCDA&CS and NCVDLs and shall automatically expire when the license holder's employment with NCDA&CS and NCVDLs ends.
- (5) The following sections of G.S. 90, Article 11, and of this Chapter are not applicable to the licensing requirements for this limited veterinary license: G.S. 90-187(c); G.S. 90-187.3; G.S. 90-187.4; Rules .0301(a),(b),(c),(e),(f), .0305, .0306 and .0309.

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