

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Licensure Procedures (LAC 46:LXXXV.303)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Louisiana Board (“Board”) of Veterinary Medicine has amended LAC 46:LXXXV.303 concerning the maximum number of attempts a licensure candidate may take the NAVLE. This amendment would align the rule with the recently revised policy of the test vendor, ICVA. If adopted, the amended rule would continue to limit candidates to no more than five attempts to take the NAVLE; however, any attempts made prior to December 1, 2025 would not be applied toward this five-attempt maximum. This Rule is adopted on the date of promulgation.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

Chapter 3. Licensure Procedures

§303. Examinations

A.-B.6. . .

7. An applicant for licensure may only sit for the national examinations a maximum of five times. ~~Thereafter, Any test attempts made before December 1, 2025, will not count toward this five-attempt limit. If an applicant does not successfully pass the national examination after five attempts,~~ the applicant will no longer be eligible for licensure in Louisiana and any application submitted will be rejected.

C.-E.6. . .

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 8:66 (February 1982), amended LR 8:144 (March 1982), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 19:343 (March 1993), LR 19:1327 (October 1993), LR 23:964 (August 1997), LR 25:2232 (November 1999), LR 28:1982 (September 2002), LR 38:1592 (July 2012), LR 40:308 (February 2014), LR 41:2151 (October 2015), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, LR 48:2546 (October 2022), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy. In particular, the proposed Rule has no known or foreseeable impact on:

1. the stability of the family;

2. the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the functioning of the family;
4. family earnings and family budget;
5. the behavior and personal responsibility of children;
6. the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973(B). In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis and Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should have no adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR

170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, Attention: Jared B. Granier, Executive Director, via U.S Mail at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or via e-mail attachment to director@lsbvm.org or via hand delivery. Comments will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2026. All written comments must be dated and must include the first and last name, email address, mailing address, phone number, and the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

Public Hearing

Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, Attention: Jared B. Granier, Executive Director, via U.S Mail at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or via e-mail attachment to director@lsbvm.org or via hand delivery; however, such request must be received by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2026. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at 1:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested parties should visit the Board's website at www.lsbvm.org after Sunday, May 10, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested parties are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in front of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Building at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Jared B. Granier
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Licensure Procedures

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or

local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule change, except for the cost associated with publishing, which is included in the annual operating budget of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board).

The proposed rule change will align the rule with the recently revised policy of the test vendor, the International Council of Veterinary Assessment (ICVA). The proposed rule change will continue to limit candidates to no more than five attempts to take the North American Veterinary License Examination (NAVLE); however, any attempts made before December 1, 2025, will not count toward this five-attempt maximum.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will align the rule with the recently revised policy of the test vendor, ICVA. The proposed rule change will continue to limit candidates to no more than five attempts to take the North American Veterinary License Examination (NAVLE); however, any attempts made before December 1, 2025 will not count toward this five-attempt maximum. Those candidates for licensure who previously were ineligible to retake the NAVLE due to reaching the maximum number of attempts will be able to retake the exam. These persons will be required to pay the examination fee of \$825 to ICVA to retake the exam.

The ICVA is a non-profit international organization. Any individual who was over the limit on NAVLE exam attempts will now be allowed more chances, and ICVA revenues will increase by \$825 for each new attempt.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact competition or employment in either the public or private sector.