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Veterinarian Licensing

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How many CEU's are required to renew, reinstate, or reactivate my license?

A: Renewal - if you are renewing your license timely or by the end of the 60-day grace period, then you are required to have accrued thirty-two (32) hours of Board-approved veterinary continuing education during the 2-year period prior to the renewal date of your license, and if necessary, up until the end of the grace period. You may then be randomly selected as part of an audit where you will be required to show proof of these hours.

Reinstatement or Reactivation - if your license has been expired or inactive for less than two (2) years, then you are required to submit thirty-two (32) hours of Board-approved veterinary continuing education, accrued during your last 2-year renewal period as well as the 2-year period since your license was expired or inactivated. If your license has been expired or inactive for two (2) years or more, then you will be required to demonstrate current clinical competency and professional ability.

Q. Can I transfer my original Veterinary license to an Academic Veterinary license and vice versa?

A: Applicants must apply for each license separately and meet the requirements in effect at the time they apply. It is not possible to transfer licenses, but you can submit an application for either licensure and let the other expire.

Q. Does my transcript have to be an official transcript?

A: Yes. DORA requires all transcripts be official, in a sealed envelope from the school.

Q. Can I just transfer my license from another state to Colorado if my out-of-state license is active?

A: You may apply for licensure by endorsement. Please review the endorsement application on the web at: www.dora.state.co.us/veterinarians/forms/VETendorsement.pdf

Q. Can I work in Colorado temporarily without actually having a Colorado license if I have a license in another state?

A: No. You cannot practice as a veterinarian in Colorado without a Colorado License unless you fall under one of the exceptions listed in the Veterinary Practice Act.

Q. Why is the Affidavit of Eligibility necessary if I am just reinstating my license?

A: It is required for reinstatement applicants since there may have been changes in status since the last update/submission.

Q. Can verifications from other states be sent directly to DORA from the other states instead of including it with the application?

A: Yes.

Q. Can Continuing Education hours be used from years before I was licensed In Colorado?

A: No. Continuing education must have been completed during the latest renewal period, the 2-year period afterwards, and potentially more.

Q. Why do I have to request verifications from every state in which I have been licensed as a Veterinarian?

A: DORA must confirm that all of your licenses are in good standing in all states where you have ever held a Veterinarian license, regardless of whether they are active or inactive.