

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Continuing Veterinary Education (LAC 46:LXXXV Section 405, 811, 1227,1517)

Preceptorship Program (LAC 46: LXXXV Section 1105)

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (LBVM) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically La. R.S.49:953(B), and through the authority granted in La. R.S. 37:1518, and in accordance with Executive Department Proclamation Number 33-JBE-2020 to adopt an emergency rule which will add language to Chapter 4, section 403, Chapter 8, Section 811, Chapter 12, Section 1227, Chapter 15, Section 1517 and Chapter 11, Section 1105. The added language in these sections will give the board the ability to temporarily extend the time to obtain approved continuing education units related to the renewal and reinstatement of licenses to practice veterinary medicine, the certifications of registered veterinary technicians, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and registered equine dentists during the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Any license renewed or reinstated under this exception shall meet the continuing education requirements to renew and maintain licensure following the end of the next fiscal year. The added language to Section 1105 of Chapter 11 will temporarily expand the process of obtaining training under the board's Preceptorship Program to include employment training under temporary permits to practice veterinary medicine through the end of calendar year 2020. Thereafter the requirements of the Preceptorship Program will apply to students enrolled in an accredited school of veterinary medicine and graduates.

In accordance with Governor Edwards' Proclamation Number 38-JBE-2020, section 2(P) the LBVM is adopting these rules to amend/waive rules that interfere with the licensing of healthcare providers that are necessary to address the declared public health emergency.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

CHAPTER 4. CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION

§405 Exceptions and Exemptions

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D. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021, a licensee shall have until June 30, 2021 to obtain the required minimum of 20 hours of approved continuing veterinary education as provided for in §403. The limitation of a maximum of 10 hours credit per fiscal year of approved videotaped, self-test programs with third party

grading and/or self-help instruction, including online instruction with third-party grading per fiscal year as provided for in section 403 A. (2) shall not apply. All other requirements for license renewal are unaffected by the provisions of this subsection, including applying for license renewal and the payment of the annual renewal fee. This extension is available without requirements of petition to the board, the showing of necessitous circumstances or the payment of late renewal fees or fines.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:224 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1428 (November 1993), LR 23:1147 (September 1997), LR 1478 (August 2003), LR 33:649 (April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:848 (May 2007), amended LR 38:1592 (July 2012).

§811 Certificate Renewal, Late Charge, Continuing Education

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3. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021, a certificate holder shall have until June 30, 2021 to obtain the required minimum of 10 approved continuing education units as provided for in §811 D. The limitation of a maximum of 5 hours of videotaped, self-test programs with third party grading, and/or self-help instruction, including online instruction with third party grading per fiscal year as provided for in section 811 D. (3) shall not apply. All other requirements for certificate renewal are unaffected by the provisions of this subsection, including the completion of the re-registration form and payment of the annual renewal fee. This extension is available without requirements of petition to the board, the showing of necessitous circumstances or the payment of a late renewal fee.

§1227 Continuing Education

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3. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021, a certificate holder shall have until June 30, 2021 to obtain the required minimum of six (6) approved continuing education units as provided for in §1227 A. The limitation of a maximum of 3 hours of videotaped, self-test programs with third party grading, and/or self-help instruction, including online instruction with third party grading per fiscal year as provided for in section 1227 A. (3) shall not apply. All other requirements for certificate renewal are unaffected by the provisions of this subsection, including the completion of a re-registration form and payment of the annual renewal fee, plus submitting any other documents required by the board. This extension is available without requirements of petition to the board, the showing of necessitous circumstances or the payment of a late renewal fee.

§ 1517 Continuing Education

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4. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, a certificate holder shall have until June 30, 2021 to obtain the required

minimum of 6 approved continuing education units as provided for in §1517. A. All other requirements for certificate renewal are unaffected by the provisions of this subsection, including the completion of a re-registration form and payment of the annual renewal fee, plus submitting any documents required by the board. Also unaffected by the provisions of this subsection are the requirements for continuing education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. This extension is available without requirements of petition to the board, the showing of necessitous circumstances or the payment of a late renewal fee.

CHAPTER 11. PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM

§1105. Applicants

A-G...H. Notwithstanding any provision of §1105 A. through G. to the contrary, applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Louisiana who have not completed a board approved preceptorship program, but who are otherwise qualified to receive a permanent license, will be issued temporary permits to practice veterinary medicine, provided:

1. The applicant is employed by a specialty facility, veterinary clinic, veterinary hospital, or other facility which is engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine;
2. The employment occurs at a facility which has been pre-approved by the board or preceptorship committee as Preceptorship Program site. If not pre-approved, the subject facility or applicant shall request a Practice Assessment Questionnaire and Job Description Form from the board and have it completed and returned to the board at least two weeks prior to the commencement of that employment intended to qualify as a substitute for the training otherwise required through the Preceptorship Program;
3. Prior to said employment an Agreement Form provided by the board, indicating the date of the commencement of the employment, is submitted to the board at least two weeks in advance, signed by both the applicant and the employer supervisor or instructor;
4. Where an applicant is employed on the effective date of this emergency rule, or said employment or facility has not been approved by the board as qualifying as a substitute for the training weeks required by the Preceptorship Program, the employment shall not qualify as a substitute for the Preceptorship Program, and a temporary permit shall not be issued, until the board approves the work site and employment, and an Agreement Form has been submitted. In all cases the board has the absolute discretion to determine when employment begins for purposes of substituting for the requirements of the Preceptorship Program, as well as the completion thereof;
5. Provided the employment meets the requirements and conditions as set forth in this subsection, the first weeks of qualifying employment will be substituted for those weeks in training which the applicant lacks for completion of the Preceptorship Program provided for in this Chapter. A week of employment sufficient to be substituted for a week in training in the Preceptorship Program shall consist of a minimum of forty hours during a maximum of six calendar days. A calendar day shall not exceed twelve hours in duration;

6. During the employment qualifying as substituting for the Preceptorship Program, the applicant shall be required to keep a daily log on a form provided by the board for the duration of those weeks of employment needed to complete the weeks of training required by the Preceptorship Program. This log form shall be reviewed and signed by the applicant's supervising, instructing veterinarian;
7. At the conclusion of the qualifying employment herein described, the applicant's supervising or instructing veterinarian shall complete an evaluation form provided by the board. This form shall be filed with the board within twenty days of the conclusion of those number of qualifying work weeks needed to satisfy the number of weeks in training for completion of the Preceptorship Program;
8. The board shall have the discretionary right to require an applicant, who has received an unfavorable evaluation, to repeat the number of working weeks needed to substitute for those training weeks needed to satisfy the requirements of the Preceptorship Program for licensure with another employer selected by the applicant and pre-approved by the Board. It shall also have the discretionary right, in the event of an unfavorable evaluation, to revoke the temporary permit allowed by this subsection and to require the applicant to fully complete the Preceptorship Program as otherwise provided for in this Chapter;
9. Upon an applicant obtaining a successful evaluation following the applicant's employment as provided for herein, a permanent license will be issued in lieu of the temporary permit, provided the applicant has completed all other requirements for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Louisiana;
10. This Emergency Rule shall be effective upon signature and valid for 120 days and may be extended for additional 90 day increments upon written request and as determined appropriate by the board, but not after December 31, 2020.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:232 (March 1990), amended LR 23:1686 (December 1997), LR 24:942 (May 1998), LR 27:543 (April 2001), LR 37:1571 (June 2011), LR 38:357 (February 2012).

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