

Waiver of Retake of NAVLE for Scores Older than 5 Years

Statutes § 1522. License without examination

The board may issue a license without a written examination to a qualified applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that he is a graduate of a veterinary school and who:

- (1) Has been for the five years immediately prior to filing his application a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state, territory, or district of the United States having license requirements, at the time the applicant was first licensed, which were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Chapter; or
- (2) Has successfully completed within the five years immediately prior to filing this application, all national examinations required of first-time applicants in rules prescribed by the board.

At its discretion, the board may orally or practically examine any person qualifying for licensing under this Section. Acts 1966, No. 35, § 1, eff. July 1, 1967. Amended by Acts 1995, No. 431, § 1.

Rules Section 303 B. National Examinations -- *Effective October 20, 2022*

1. All applicants for licensure must take and successfully pass the national examinations as a condition for licensure in Louisiana.
2. The board hereby adopts the passing scores on the national examinations set by the NBEC and adopted or endorsed by the AAVSB.
3. Scores shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of the examination administration.
4. The requirement for taking the national examinations may be waived when an applicant:
 - a. holds a currently valid license in good standing in another state, district, or territory of the United States; and
 - b. has worked as a licensed veterinarian an average of 20 hours per week in a private practice or its equivalent continuously and without substantial interruption for a period of five years immediately preceding his application.
5. An applicant who cannot demonstrate eligibility for a waiver of the national examinations will be required to provide official copies of his scores to the board. Said scores shall be no more than five years old.
6. An applicant whose scores are greater than five years old and who cannot demonstrate eligibility for a waiver of the national examination pursuant to §303.B.4, shall be required to successfully pass the national examination in order to be eligible for a license.
7. An applicant for licensure may only sit for the national examinations a maximum of five times. Thereafter, the applicant will no longer be eligible for licensure in Louisiana and any application submitted will be rejected.

LBVM Policy for Documents Needed to Petition for Waiver of NAVLE Retake

If your NAVLE score is older than five years, to be considered for the waiver of NAVLE retake, please email director@lsbvm.org or admin@lsbvm.org with the following documents only AFTER completing/submitting your application along with all required fees:

1. **Letters of employment verification** on company letterhead and signed from all employers for the five-year time span immediately preceding the date of application. Letters should include your employment dates, current position/title, full- or part-time status, and the average number of hours worked per week.

These letters can either be emailed directly to the Board office from the employer(s) or they can be uploaded by the applicant into the LBVM Application Portal at www.lsbvm.org/applicationportal.

2. **Copies of your tax transcripts** (available for free from <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>) for the five-year time span immediately preceding the date of application. There are several available options, but one should select the "Return Transcripts" for download from the IRS website.
3. **Your most recent pay stub prior to the date of application submission** from your current employer(s) showing your Year-To-Date earnings for the current year.
4. In the five years preceding the submission of your application, if there are any gaps in employment and/or time spans in which you worked less than the required average of 20 hours per week, it would be greatly beneficial for you to submit a letter detailing why there was a gap or a reduction in hours, etc.