

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE,
BOARD RULE 700-7-.03 CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to update the requirements for veterinary continuing education.

Main Feature: The main features of this rule amendment establishes who is required to meet two (2) hour in laws, ethics and professionalism (LEAP) continuing education.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 700-7-.03
CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION.**

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700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain thirty (30) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal. Effective January 1, 2009, of the thirty (30) hours required, two (2) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Effective January 1, 2011, of the two (2) hours; one (1) must be acquired in person. Georgia licensees who ~~reside outside of~~ do not practice in the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.
2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinarian shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.
3. A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.
4. In the event that a veterinarian fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.
5. A veterinarian may not carry over continuing education credits from one biennium license renewal period to the next.
6. Each veterinarian must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.
7. Veterinarians who attend programs where more than one course is taught must

maintain proof of the courses attended and the number of hours awarded for each course.

(b) Approved Continuing Education Programs and Hours:

1. Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all AVMA accredited veterinary college or school sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board. Blanket approval does not apply to any continuing education programs on Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.

2. Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization. Such requests shall include the following:

- (i) a detailed course outline or syllabus;
- (ii) a current curriculum must be provided for each speaker or lecturer;
- (iii) the procedure to be used for recording attendance;
- (iv) the number of continuing education hours for which the course sponsor requests approval.

3. Credit hours may be earned as follows:

- (i) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
- (ii) Not more than three (3) hours can be for veterinary audio review. Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.
- (iii) Not more than five (5) hours for hospital management.
- (iv) A maximum of twenty (20) hours will be allowed for any one meeting
- (v) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.
- (vi) A maximum of six (6) hours for veterinarians can be acquired through in house training at the licensees' place of employment.
- (vii) A maximum of ten (10) hours can be acquired through in house training for veterinary faculty at AVMA accredited institutions.

(c) Continuing Education Audit:

1. During the renewal period, the Board staff will randomly select up to 25% of its licensees to audit for continuing education compliance. If selected for continuing education audit, each licensee must submit continuing education records to meet the renewal requirements for that license renewal period.

(d) Provider and Sponsor Criteria: All providers and sponsors must provide the following information to the Board if they have not been awarded blanket approval:

- 1. Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.
- 2. Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.
- 3. Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, faculty credentials and fees.
- 4. Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and

maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.

5. Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.

6. Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program. The documentation shall include:

(i) Name and license number of participant;

(ii) Name of provider;

(iii) Name and title of program;

(iv) Hours/CEU's completed;

(v) Date of completion; and

(vi) Authorizing signature.

7. All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary shall submit a Program Approval Form for each program presented. These forms should be submitted 60 days in advance.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, and 43-50-40.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, BOARD
RULE 700-7-.04 VETERINARY TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to update the requirements for veterinary technician continuing education.

Main Feature: The main features of this rule amendment establishes who is required to meet one (1) hour in laws, ethics and professionalism (LEAP) continuing education.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 700-7-.04
VETERINARY TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

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700-7-.04 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinary technician licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain ten (10) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal.

Effective January 1, 2011, of the ten (10) hours required, one (1) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Georgia licensees who ~~reside outside of~~ do not practice in the State of Georgia are not required to meet the one (1) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.

2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinary technician shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.

3. A veterinary technician licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain five (5) hours of continuing education. A veterinary technician licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire ten (10) hours is required for each renewal.

4. In the event that a veterinary technician fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.

5. A veterinary technician may not carry over continuing education credits from one biennium license renewal period to the next.

6. Each veterinary technician must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.

7. Veterinary technicians who attend programs where more than one course is taught must maintain proof of the courses attended and the number of hours awarded for each

course.

(b) Approved Continuing Education Programs and Hours:

1. Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all AVMA accredited veterinary college or school sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United State or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board. Blanket approval does not apply to any continuing education programs on Georgia laws, rules and professionalism.

2. Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization. Such requests shall include the following:

- (i) a detailed course outline or syllabus;
- (ii) a current curriculum must be provided for each speaker or lecturer;
- (iii) the procedure to be used for recording attendance;
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3. Credit hours may be earned as follows:

- (i) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
- (ii) Not more than six (6) hours can be for veterinary audio review or journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Five (5) hours of interactive computer generated courses will be allowed where follow-up testing is required.
- (iii) Of the ten (10) hours, one (1) must be on Georgia laws and rules and professionalism. Georgia licensed veterinary technicians who do not practice in Georgia are exempt from the Georgia laws and rules and professionalism subject requirement; however the total ten (10) hours is required. Not more than three (3) hours for hospital management.
- (iv) Not more than three (3) hours for hospital management. A maximum of three (3) hours for veterinary technicians can be acquired through in house training at the licensees' place of employment.
- (v) A maximum of five (5) hours can be acquired through in house training for veterinary technicians at AVMA accredited institutions.

(c) Continuing Education Audit:

1. During the renewal period, the Board staff will randomly select up to 25% of its licensees to audit for continuing education compliance. If selected for continuing education audit, each licensee must submit continuing education records to meet the renewal requirements for that license renewal period.

(d) Provider and Sponsor Criteria: All providers and sponsors must provide the following information to the Board if they have not been awarded blanket approval:

- 1. Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.
- 2. Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.

3. Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, faculty credentials and fees.
4. Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.
5. Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.
6. Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program.

The documentation shall include:

- (i) Name and license number of participant;
- (ii) Name of provider;
- (iii) Name and title of program;
- (iv) Hours/CEU's completed;
- (v) Date of completion; and
- (vi) Authorizing signature.

7. All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary shall submit a Program Approval Form for each program presented. These forms should be submitted 60 days in advance.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, 43-50-40 and 43-50-52.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, BOARD
RULE 700-6-.01 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY
TECHNICIANS.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to update the requirements for registration of veterinary technicians.

Main Feature: The main feature of this rule amendment removes the requirement that the national exam be taken and passed within the previous five (5) years of application.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 700-6-.01 APPLICATION FOR
REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

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700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.

- (1) Application for registration of Veterinary Technicians shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- (2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section 43-50-52 of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:
 - (a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;
 - (b) The applicant is of good moral character; and
 - (c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis.
 - (d) If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);
 - (e) The applicant has paid all applicable fees.
- (3) All applicants for registration must present proof of having obtained a scaled score of 75 or greater on the National Veterinary Technician Examination or other examination similar in nature and scope as the Board from time to time will adopt.
 - ~~(a) Previous National Board scores will be accepted if a candidate has taken the examination within the immediate past five years in another state.~~
 - (a) Such previous scores must be reported to the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine by the Interstate Reporting Service.
 - ~~(e)~~ (b) Candidates desiring to transfer scores must pay all applicable fees.
- (4) No person shall take the examination more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.
- (5) Registrations shall be renewable biennially by December 31 of the year in which registration expires.
 - (a) Registration must be renewed within one year after expiration date with the payment of the renewal and late fees. Failure to comply voids registration.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52, 43-50-53, 43-51-01.