

Rule 700-16-.01 Practice of foreign graduates prior to licensure

(1) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-50-44, a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or its substantial equivalent can perform duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) For purposes of this rule, “Direct supervision” means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(3) To practice under this provision, a foreign graduate must:

(a) Complete the ECFVG or PAVE within 3 years of application to the AVMA or AAVSB;

(b) Have not failed the ECFVG or any portion of the PAVE program;

(c) Must only practice under direct supervision as defined in subsection (2) of this rule.

(4) Any foreign graduate who fails the ECFVG or any portion of the PAVE program and who continues to work in a veterinary facility in any capacity cannot hold himself/herself out as a doctor of veterinary medicine authorized to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia.

(5) All licensed veterinarians who allow practice of a foreign graduate working under this provision must provide direct supervision.

(6) Failure of a licensed veterinarian to provide the required direct supervision may be grounds for sanction of his/her license for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.

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