

Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NUMBER: 930-X-1-.12

TITLE OF RULE: CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

(1) For Veterinarians:

(a) Veterinarians are required to earn twenty credit hours of continuing education each year before becoming eligible for license renewal.

(b) Veterinarians unable to earn credits because of sickness or other justifiable reasons may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted an extension of time to finish credit hours. The board may require the hours to be completed at a later date. Requests for extension must be made in writing to the Board before the renewal period of license. Failure to make extension request prior to the Board's last meeting of the year may require a personal appearance before the Board to make such a request. The board may, at its discretion, exempt requirement for continuing education in exceptional circumstances.

(c) At the Board's discretion, non-practicing veterinarians over seventy years old may be exempted from the continuing education requirements.

(d) At the discretion of the Board, credit hours may be earned as follows: One hour of credit for each hour of attendance at an in-depth seminar such as seminars sponsored by the AVMA, the AAHA, AAVSB CE Taskforce, State Association, various academies, schools of veterinary medicine, and other State Veterinary Associations. The Board will require ~~sixty (60) hours over any four (4) year period~~ twenty (20) hours per year be in the area of scientific programs approved by the Board, except only a maximum of five (5) hours may be given for verifiable audio, video, compendium journal and computer review per year. The remaining twenty (20) hours ~~in that same four (4) year period~~ may be in practice management or local or state association business meetings. A maximum of one (1) hour credit will be given per local or state association business meetings. To be included in the 20 CE hours per year, two (2) credit hours per year in the area shall be Pharmacological review and or law review, all courses are subject to review by the Board.

(e) Each veterinarian must keep a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of said hours ~~shall be submitted annually. CE audits for practicing licensed veterinarians will be conducted at the time of premise evaluation.~~ Each year he or she will be required to certify as to the number of credit hours earned on a form to be provided by the Board. The form will be mailed to each veterinarian at the time of annual renewal.

(f) New graduates do not have to comply with this continuing education requirement until the next full calendar year after graduation

(2) For Licensed Veterinary Technicians:

(a) The applicant must verify yearly that he or she has finished at least eight hours of continuing education during the preceding year.

(b) ~~A minimum of six hours of continuing education must be seminars, programs, short courses, or scientific sessions sponsored by an approved veterinary organization or university with approved speakers. Final approval of veterinary organizations and speakers is left with the Board.~~

~~The remaining two hours will be given for local monthly meetings including a short scientific program. At the discretion of the Board, credit hours may be earned as follows: A minimum of six hours of continuing education in scientific programs approved by the Board, the remaining two hours may be in verifiable audio, video, compendium journal and computer review, or one of the two hours may be given for state or local association meetings.~~

(c) Licensed veterinary technicians unable to earn credits because of sickness or other justifiable reasons may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted an extension of time to finish credit hours. The board may require the hours to be completed at a later date. Requests for extension must be made in writing to the Board before the renewal period of license. Failure to make extension request prior to the Board's last meeting of the year may require a personal appearance before the Board to make such a request. The board may, at its discretion, exempt requirement for continuing education in exceptional circumstances.

(d) Hours will be accumulated on a yearly basis from January to December.

~~(e) A form will be sent out by the executive director of the Board to be filled out and returned by the veterinary technician at the time of annual renewal. The validity of the reported hours lies solely with the technician reporting. Each licensed veterinary technician must keep record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of said hours shall be submitted annually. Each year he or she will be required to certify as to the number of credit hours earned on a form to be provided by the Board.~~

(f) New graduates do not have to comply with this continuing education requirement until the next full calendar year after graduation.

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