

**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**State Board of Veterinary Medicine**

**VETERINARY MEDICINE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**4 CCR 727-1**

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**1.2 LICENSURE AND APPLICATION PROVISIONS**

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A. General Requirements for Veterinarians

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8. [A licensed veterinarian applying to renew a license, or reinstate, or reactivate an expired or inactive license is required to fulfill the substance use prevention training requirements set forth in section \(G\) of this Rule.](#)

98. A licensed veterinarian in inactive status shall not practice veterinary medicine in this state while his or her license is inactive.

109. A licensed veterinarian with an expired license shall not practice veterinary medicine in this state while his or her license is expired.

119. Any person whose license to practice is revoked will be ineligible to apply for any license under the Veterinary Practice Act for at least two years after the date of revocation or surrender of the license. Any subsequent application for licensure shall be treated as an application for an original license.

124. It is unlawful for any person to file with the Board a forged document or credentials of another person as part of an application for licensure.

132. All documents required as part of a licensure application, except for license renewal, must be received within one year of the date of receipt of application. An application is incomplete until the Board receives all additional information requested or required in order to determine whether to grant or deny the application. If all required information is not submitted within the one (1) year period, then the original application materials will be destroyed and the applicant will be required to submit a new application, fee, and all required documentation. The only exception to this are examination results; they will be maintained for an additional one year if the application is not completed within one year of receipt of the application before they are also destroyed if a new application is not filed before that time.

143. The Board may deny an application for licensure upon a finding that the applicant has violated any provisions of the Veterinary Practice Act or Board Rules.

154. An applicant for licensure may not begin practicing as a licensed veterinarian in this state until he or she has been issued an active license number.

165. A veterinarian applying for a license is required to be at least twenty-one years of age.

176. Education, training, or service gained in military services outlined in section 24-34-102(8.5), C.R.S., to be accepted and applied towards receiving a license, must be substantially equivalent, as determined by the Board, to the qualifications otherwise applicable at the time of receipt of application. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide timely and complete evidence for review and consideration. Satisfactory evidence of such education, training, or service will be assessed on a case by case basis.

187. Regulation of Military Spouses.

- a. Pursuant to Article 20 of Title 12, a person need not obtain authority to practice veterinary medicine during the person's first year of residence in Colorado if:
  - (1) The person is a military spouse, as defined in section 12-20-304(3), C.R.S., who is authorized to practice veterinary medicine in another state;
  - (2) Other than the person's lack of licensure, registration, or certification in Colorado, there is no basis to disqualify the person under Title 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes; and
  - (3) The person consents as a condition of practicing veterinary medicine in Colorado, to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.
- b. To continue practicing veterinary medicine in Colorado after the person's first year of residence, the person must apply for licensure in accordance with all licensing laws and requirements in effect at the time of the application, including, but not limited to, the Colorado Veterinary Practice Act and Board Rule 1.2, which may include demonstrating current clinical competency.

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E. Reinstatement/Reactivation Requirements for Expired or Inactive Licenses

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4. All applicants for reinstatement and reactivation are required to fulfill the substance use prevention training requirements set forth in section (G) of this Rule.

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G. Substance Use Prevention Training for License Renewal, Reactivation, or Reinstatement

1. Pursuant to section 12-30-114, C.R.S., every veterinarian, including every academic veterinarian, is required to complete at least **onetwo (1)** hours of training per renewal period in order to demonstrate competency regarding the topics/areas specified in section 12-30-114(1)(a), C.R.S.

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2. Training for the purpose of this section includes, but is not limited to, relevant and verifiable continuing education courses, conferences, or presentations, and distant learning. All such training must cover or be related to the topics specified in section 12-30-114(1)(a), C.R.S., and be in accordance with section (F) of this Rule. Training, for the purposes of this section includes, but is not limited to, relevant continuing education

courses; self-study of relevant scholarly articles or relevant policies/guidelines; peer review proceedings that involve opioid prescribing; relevant volunteer service; attendance at a relevant conference (or portion of a conference); teaching a relevant class/course; or participation in a relevant presentation, such as with your practice. All such training must cover or be related to the topics specified in section 12-30-114(1)(a), C.R.S.

3. The Board shall exempt a veterinarian from the requirements of this section who qualifies for either exemption set forth in section 12-30-114(1)(b), C.R.S.
4. This section shall apply to any applicant for reinstatement or reactivation of an expired or inactive license pursuant to section (E) of this Rule.
5. Applicants for license renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement shall attest during the application process to either their compliance with this substance use training requirement or their qualifying for an exemption, as specified in section (G)(3) of this Rule.
6. The Board may audit compliance with this section. Veterinarians should be prepared to submit documentation of their compliance with this substance use training requirement or their qualification for an exemption, upon request by the Board.
7. Subject to the approval of the Board, completed substance use prevention training hours that also meet the requirements for continuing education, as specified in section (F) of this Rule, may be applied towards the minimum continuing education hours required in section (F) of this Rule.
8. The statutorily required training for veterinarians includes the following topics/areas: best practices for veterinary opioid prescribing; recognition of human substance use disorder; use of the electronic prescription drug-monitoring program; and referral of human beings with suspected substance use disorders for treatment.

To the extent the statutorily required training pertains to the practice of human medicine, this training does not authorize veterinary medicine practitioners to engage in the practice of human medicine nor does it require the veterinary medicine practitioner to refer human beings to treatment for suspected substance abuse disorders.