



# North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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## **NDBVME Annual Report**

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Sara Lyons, DVM ~ Executive Secretary

### **Licenses**

As of August 1, 2022, there were 485 veterinarians actively licensed in North Dakota, a decrease of twenty-six from last year. This included 301 licensees with a ND business address. Sixty-two veterinarians had not renewed their licenses for 2022-23 including eleven with a ND business address. The renewal fee for veterinarians is \$90, with a 50% late fee for renewals received after June 30.

Six veterinarians were approved for licensure in North Dakota at the November 9, 2021 meeting and eighteen were approved at the June 7, 2022 meeting. Fifteen veterinarians were deleted from the list of licensees after June 30, 2022 for non-renewal.

As of August 1, 2022, there were 339 veterinary technicians actively licensed in North Dakota, an increase of nine from last year. In 2021-22, twenty-nine technician licenses were issued. Twenty-five licensees will be two years in arrears and will be deleted if they do not renew by December 31, 2022. The renewal fee for technicians is \$25 with a 50% late fee for renewals received after December 31.

### **Complaints and Disciplinary Action**

During 2021-22, the board received 3 complaints involving 3 licensed veterinarians. One complaint was dismissed, and two complaints are currently under review. As of July 31, 2022, one licensee is under disciplinary action whose license is on indefinite probation because of previous action by the board.

### **Practice Act and Rule Changes**

The revised Board Rules went into effect April 1, 2022.

At the June 7, 2022 meeting the board entered into discussion with the NDVMA regarding the need for changes to the Practice Act.

### **NAVLE**

During the 2021-22 testing window, a total of six North Dakota candidates took the NAVLE and five passed the exam.

### **VTNE**

During the 2021-22 testing window, a total of twenty-two North Dakota candidates took the VTNE and sixteen passed the exam.

### **Board Membership**

Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness is the current board president and Ms. Janell Morman is the secretary. The term of Ms. Morman was renewed for a second term through June 2025. The term for public

representative Mr. Thomas Job expired June 30, 2022, and the board is currently seeking a replacement. Other board members include Dr. Carolyn Woodruff and Dr. Russell Behm.

### **Attorney**

Mr. David Schaibley, Assistant Attorney General, is the current board attorney.

### **Continuing Education**

The revised Board Rules allow for half of the required CE credits to be obtained through technology-based methods. This includes both live and pre-recorded webinars and other virtual CE. The remaining half of CE credits are required to be completed through in-person CE. The board may make allowances for special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

### **Website**

The board's website, [www.ndbvme.org](http://www.ndbvme.org), includes copies of complaint forms, links to the practice act and board rules, and a search feature that allows users to access the licensure status of North Dakota veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

The board has updated the database and renewal system. Effective September 1, 2021 all DVM and LVT renewals and applications are to be completed online. Instructions for completion and links to the online system can be found on the website.

### **Meetings**

The board generally has two meetings per year. The fall meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2022 and the spring meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023. Both meetings will be at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

### **Staff and Office**

Dr. Sara Lyons has served as the Executive Secretary of the board since August 2019. The board office is currently in Lisbon ND.