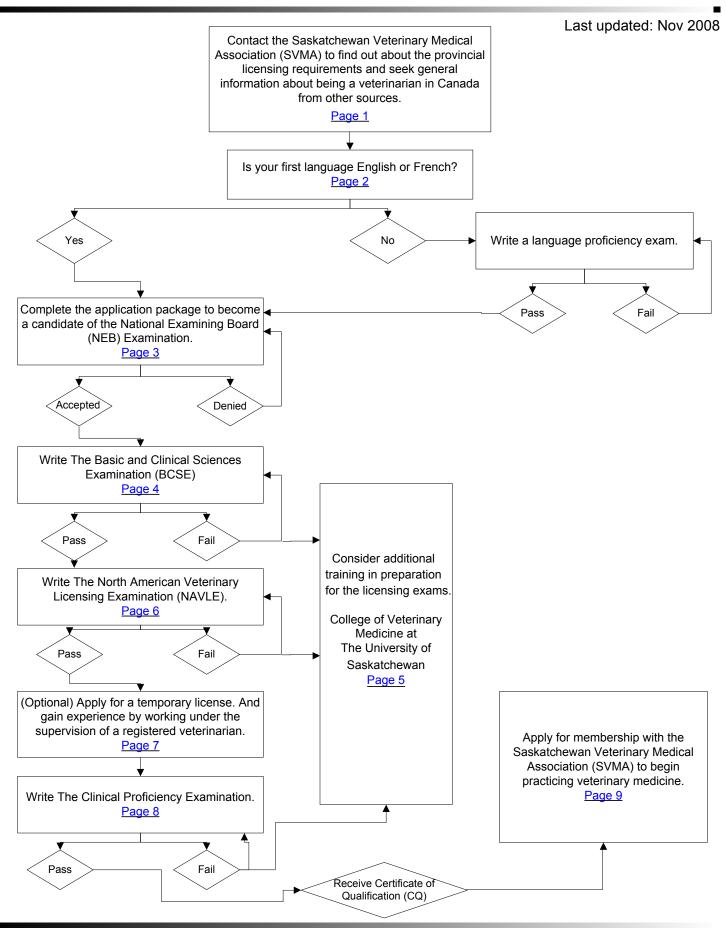
INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED VETERINARIANS



PROCESS MAP FOR INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED VETERINARIANS WISHING TO WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

This PROCESS MAP will provide internationally-trained Veterinarians with information about the most efficient pathway to obtain membership with the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA). This roadmap is meant as a guide only, but is based on the experience of many Veterinarians that have been through the licensing process.

Contact the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) to find out about the provincial licensing requirements and seek general information about being a Veterinarian in Saskatchewan.

Website: http://www.svma.sk.ca/

In Canada, the general requirements to obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine are similar in all provinces. The specific requirements however, may differ in each Canadian jurisdiction. When making the decision to settle in Saskatchewan, it is important to contact Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) to make sure you will be able to meet the requirements that are needed to apply for a license in the province.

You may wish to write the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association to ask about the specific requirements and costs for licensing, certification, or registration, as well as the recommended procedure for credential assessment prior to your arrival in Canada.

Be sure to ask specifically for information on what parts of the process you can do or start before you leave your home country. For example you may need to:

- Prepare or obtain documents from your home licensing body or educational institution;
- Obtain and complete forms that are available online:
- Obtain personal or work references;
- Begin necessary educational or language assessments; or
- Begin applications to programs or examinations.

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For more general information about the Veterinary profession in Canada and for a general description of duties and employment requirements, you can refer to the information prepared by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada on the following website:

http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC-CNP/app/checkversion.aspx?lc=e&level=4&noccode=3114&code=3

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If your first language is neither English nor French: Write a language proficiency exam.

Applicants to the National Examining Board (NEB) whose language of education in Secondary School is neither English nor French must complete a language proficiency examination before they can apply to be a candidate of the NEB examination process.

The evidence of completion must be submitted as a part of the application.

Applicants to the NEB whose first language is neither English nor French are required to submit evidence of completion of any of the listed below:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with an overall score of at least 213, as well as 25 for Listening and 4.0 for Writing, and a Test of Spoken English (TSE) with at least 50;
- Internet-based TOEFL (iB-TOEFL), with an overall score of no less than 80, at least 26 in Listening, a 17 in Writing and a 26 in Speaking;
- International English Testing System (IELTS), Academic version with an overall score of 6.5, with at least 6.5 in Listening, 6.0 in Writing and 7.0 in Speaking;
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment with an overall score of 60, with at least 60 in Listening, 50 in Writing and 60 in Speaking; OR
- **Exam in French** of the Office de la langue française of the Government of Quebec, with a score of no less than 60 for each component.

For more information on English or French language fluency standardized tests please contact:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Website: www.ets.org
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Website: www.ielts.org
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Website: http://www.cael.ca/

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Complete the application package to become a candidate of the National Examining Board (NEB) Examination.

To become a candidate of the NEB, you must obtain an application package, which is available for a fee of \$15.00. The package includes an application form, a list of the documents to be submitted and a booklet that explains the exam process in full detail.

Included in the submission must be an application/document examination fee of \$397.50.

Those seeking to become a candidate for the Examination should contact NEB for further information and to order the application package.

NEB – Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

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Email: admin@cvma-acmv.org

Website: www.canadianveterinarians.net

After successfully completing the sequence of NEB Examinations a Certificate of Qualification is granted. A Certificate of Qualification (CQ) is a mandatory prerequisite to apply for a license from any provincial licensing board in Canada including the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA).

The NEB examination is a three-part process measuring entry-level competence in the theory and practice of veterinary medicine in a North American context. As a graduate of a non-accredited (foreign) veterinary school you are required to complete <u>all three</u> parts of the examination sequence in order to receive a Certificate of Qualification.

The veterinary licensing examination process for foreign veterinary graduates will involve:

- The Basic and Clinical Sciences Exam (BCSE);
- The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE); and
- The Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE).



Write the Basic and Clinical Sciences Examination (BCSE).

The first exam in the sequence is the Basic and Clinical Sciences Exam, a computer-based tutorial and examination. The BCSE consists of 200 multiple choice questions which must be completed within a 220-minute test session. The questions assess basic and clinical veterinary sciences knowledge. The current fee for this exam is approximately \$75.00.

Beginning in 2008, the BCSE will be available four times per year during test windows. Each test window will comprise a one- or two-week period during which testing appointments may be scheduled.

There is no limit on the number of attempts to pass the BCSE.

Successful completion of the Basic and Clinical Sciences Examination is a mandatory prerequisite to write the other two exams in the sequence. A passing grade on all three examinations is mandatory to receive a Certificate of Qualifications.

The Basic and Clinical Sciences Exam is administered at Prometric testing centres throughout Canada. In Saskatchewan, you may contact:

Prometric Test Centre 407 1st Ave North Saskatoon, SK S7K 1X5 Tel: (306) 978-0414

Website: www.prometric.com

For more information about the examinations visit the American Veterinary Medical Association website:

http://www.avma.org/education/ecfvg/default.asp



Apply for entry into the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatoon.

At any point along the credentialing process, an individual who feels they do not have the experience or knowledge to pass the licensing examinations should look for opportunities to gain academic or practical experience.

While these opportunities are very limited, individuals should contact the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatoon to explore possible options. Applications to the program are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Qualified applicants have previously been streamed into the second year of the education program only if a vacant seat was available.

It may be possible to arrange a mentorship experience with a veterinary practitioner. The Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association may be able to assist with these arrangements.

If you have questions about admission policies, please contact:

The Admissions Office Western College of Veterinary Medicine

University of Saskatchewan 52 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 5B4

Tel: (306) 966-7459 Fax: (306) 966-7314

Website: http://www.usask.ca/wcvm/



Write the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

The second exam in the sequence is the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. The NAVLE is an exam designed to measure general knowledge in the various scientific and clinical disciplines. The NAVLE consists of 360 multiple choice questions that are administered by a computer and will take one full day to complete. The fee to write this examination is currently \$882.10.

The NAVLE is offered in April and November/December of each year.

The NAVLE may only be attempted five times in total. The first three attempts may be written in consecutive testing windows. If you fail the exam more than three times, you must wait 12 months in between your fourth and fifth (final) attempt.

Successful completion of the North American Veterinary Examination is a mandatory prerequisite if you choose to apply for a temporary veterinary license.

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(Optional) Apply for a temporary veterinary license and gain experience by working under the supervision of a registered veterinarian.

After having successfully completed the NAVLE, you may apply to the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association for a temporary license. A temporary license gives individuals the opportunity to practice under the supervision of a registered veterinarian while gaining valuable practical experience.

For more information on eligibility requirements for registration for a temporary license, please contact the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.

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Write the Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE).

The final examination needed to be granted a Certificate of Qualification is the Clinical Proficiency Examination. The CPE is a practical examination of medical and surgical skills. It is designed to assess the candidate's ability to handle actual medical, surgical and diagnostic problems in a clinical or hospital setting.

The CPE requires two and a half days to complete and involves the treatment of live animals. Currently, the fee is \$6,890.00.

The CPE is offered at the four Canadian Colleges of veterinary medicine which are:

- University of Guelph Ontario Veterinary College
- University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinarians
- University of Prince Edward Island Atlantic Veterinary College
- University de Montreal

The CPE is currently available about ten times per year in English, at the four Canadian colleges of veterinary medicine. The CPE is available in French only at the Faculté de médicine vétérinaire (St-Hyancinthe, Québec) usually two times a year. Candidates eligible to take the CPE will be informed by the NEB as to when they may register.

Currently the waiting period between passing the NAVLE and the date of an opportunity to appear for the CPE is about 24 months on average.

There is no limit to the number of attempts at passing the CPE. If a candidate fails one, two or three sections of the exam, they have only to rewrite the failed sections within a 12 month period. If the 12 month time period lapses, the candidate will need to re-do the entire exam. If a candidate fails four or more sections of the exam they will need to wait 12 months and re-do the entire exam.

Successful completion of the Clinical Proficiency Examination (and the NEB exam sequence) results in being granted a Certificate of qualifications which is a mandatory requirement for registration with the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.



Apply for membership with the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) to begin practicing veterinary medicine.

After successfully completing all of the provincial requirements for licensure, you may now apply to be a member of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.

Information on applying for membership and the application form is available on the SVMA website under the Membership tab.

The fees for 2009 are as follows:

• One time registration fee: \$50.00

• Annual dues for a Regular Member:

SVMA \$515.00CVMA \$250.00Total \$765.00

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