

## **Waiver of Retake of National Examination for Scores Older than 5 Years**

### **Statutes § 1522. License without examination**

The board may issue a license without a written examination to a qualified applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that he is a graduate of a veterinary school and who:

- 14 (1) Has been for the five years immediately prior to filing his application a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state, territory, or district of the United States having license requirements, at the time the applicant was first licensed, which were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Chapter; or
- (2) Has successfully completed within the five years immediately prior to filing this application, all national examinations required of first-time applicants in rules prescribed by the board. At its discretion, the board may orally or practically examine any person qualifying for licensing under this Section. Acts 1966, No. 35, § 1, eff. July 1, 1967. Amended by Acts 1995, No. 431, § 1.

### **Rules Section 303 B. National Examinations**

1. All applicants for licensure must take and successfully pass the national examinations as a condition for licensure in Louisiana.
2. The board hereby adopts the passing scores on the national examinations set by the NBEC and adopted or endorsed by the AAVSB.
3. Scores shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of the examination administration.
4. The requirement for taking the national examinations may be waived when an applicant:
  - a. holds a currently valid license in good standing in another state, district, or territory of the United States; and
  - b. has been employed as a licensed veterinarian in a full-time private practice or its equivalent as determined by a majority vote of the board for the five years immediately preceding his application. Full-time shall be defined as a minimum of 32 hours worked per week.
5. An applicant who cannot demonstrate eligibility for a waiver of the national examinations will be required to provide official copies of his scores to the board. Said scores shall be no more than five years old.
6. An applicant whose scores are greater than five years old and who cannot demonstrate eligibility for a waiver of the national examination pursuant to §303.B.4, shall be required to successfully pass the national examination in order to be eligible for a license.
7. An applicant for licensure may only sit for the national examinations a maximum of five times. Thereafter, the applicant will no longer be eligible for licensure in Louisiana and any application submitted will be rejected.

### **Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement**

**Rule 1105 E.** The board shall have the discretionary right to waive compliance with the preceptorship program when the applicant has been licensed in another state or is eligible for a license without examination, and provides written proof of employment as a licensed veterinarian in a full time, clinical practice for a minimum of 90 days for the period immediately prior to submission of the license application to the board.