

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS

Continuing Education Requirements

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to add a definition and remove the limitation on the number of credit hours that a licensed veterinarian may obtain through online continuing education programs in a given licensing year to maintain the person's registration with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Comments will be accepted through October 24, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.02 Definitions.

A. "Board" means the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

B. "*Continuing education courses*" means courses that offer credit hours and includes seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, and other programs that offer credit hours.

[B.] C.—[C.] D. (text unchanged)

.05 Accreditation.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Credit *hours* may be approved for the following:

(1) Continuing [veterinary educational programs] *education courses* given by a college of veterinary medicine approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association;

(2) (text unchanged)

(3) Continuing [educational programs] *education courses* given or arranged by the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association;

(4) Continuing [educational programs] *education courses* given or arranged by the North American Veterinary Conference, Western Veterinary Conference, Central Veterinary Conference, or American Animal Hospital Association; and

(5) Local, State, regional, or national continuing [professional] education courses including postgraduate studies, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, extension studies, or other continuing [educational programs] *education courses* as approved by the Board. Requests for approval of postgraduate studies and extension studies shall be submitted to the Board no fewer than 60 days before the expiration of the veterinarian's registration certificate.

E. [Credits] *Approved credit hours may be obtained through [online] available online continuing education [programs may not exceed 9 hours of the total required number of credit hours submitted in a given licensing year]courses.*

Continuing Education Requirements for Registered Veterinary Technicians

The purpose of this action is to add a definition and remove the limitation on the number of credit hours that a registered veterinarian technician may obtain through online continuing education programs (annually and over a 3-year period) to maintain the person's registration with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Comments will be accepted through October 24, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.02 Definitions.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. *“Continuing education courses” means courses that offer credit hours and includes seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, and other programs that offer credit hours.*

E. *“Credit hour” means 1 program hour.*

F. *“Unused credit hour” means a credit hour which a practitioner earned in a given licensing year but did not use toward fulfilling the continuing education requirement for that year.*

.03 Registration Renewal.

A. Except as provided in §B of this regulation, the Board may not renew a veterinary technician's registration unless that veterinary technician has earned 24 credit hours of continuing [professional] education during the:

(1) — (2) (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

.04 Accreditation.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Credit *hours* may be approved for the following:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) Continuing education [programs] *courses* given or arranged by the AVMA;

(4) (text unchanged)

(5) Continuing education [programs] *courses* available [online, not exceeding:] *online*.

[(a) 8 hours in a 3-year period, or

(b) 4 hours per year.]

C. (text unchanged)

