



## VETERINARIANS

Veterinarians prevent, diagnose and treat diseases and disorders in animals. They advise clients on the feeding, hygiene, housing and general care of animals. Veterinarians may be employed in animal hospitals/clinics, laboratories, government and industry.

### EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A degree in Veterinary Medicine acceptable to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is required in order to practice in Canada.

### ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### Step One

Applicants must first apply to the National Examining Committee of the **Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)**. The applicant must submit:

- a completed application form (available from CVMA);
- an original or notarized copy of the degree in Veterinary Medicine;
- a certified or notarized transcript;
- two letters of recommendation - one from a member of the executive of the licensing organization of the veterinarian and the other from a responsible citizen such as a clergyman, bank manager or government official;
- three signed and dated copies of a recent passport size photograph;
- a certified copy of her/his birth certificate, passport, or a statutory declaration confirming her/his identity; and
- an assessment fee of \$325 (plus GST).

\*If documents are not in English or French, notarized translations are required.

If the program of study is assessed as not equivalent, the applicant may be asked to complete additional requirements before he or she can go any further in the licensing process.

When an applicant's education is assessed as equivalent, he or she is eligible to write the NAVLE *National Examining Board Examination*. Both parts of this examination are mandatory *unless* the applicant has graduated from an accredited college of veterinary medicine.

#### **North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)**

**Part A & B** - Written Examination (*fee is \$620 plus GST*)

- Offered twice per year in April/May and November/December.
- Offered in most major cities in Canada, including Winnipeg.

**Note:** In Manitoba, candidates can practice veterinary medicine with a Temporary License after successfully completing the *NAVLE Written Examination*.

They have up to two years before they must complete Part B (*Clinical Proficiency Examination*). Candidates must apply to the **Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association** (MVMA) for this temporary license. Candidates with temporary licenses must work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

### **North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)**

**Part C** - Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE) (*fee is \$5,500 plus GST*).

- To be eligible to write the CPE candidates must first successfully complete the NAVLE Written Examination
- Offered at four Canadian Veterinary Colleges in February, April/May, November and December of each year.

The CPE is offered at the University of Guelph (Guelph, Ontario), Western College of Veterinary Medicine (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), the Atlantic Veterinary College (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island), and the University of Montreal (St. Hyacinthe, Quebec).

When the Clinical Proficiency Examination has been successfully completed, the CVMA will issue a *Certificate of Qualification*. This certificate confirms the applicant's level of professional education and **must** be obtained before he or she can practice veterinary medicine as a *General Member* in Manitoba. Please note, this certificate alone does not mean the candidate is fully licensed in Manitoba.

### **Step Two**

To Practice Veterinary Medicine as a *General Member* in Manitoba the candidate must submit the following documents to the **Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association** (MVMA):

- a completed application form (available from MVMA);
- a certified copy of her/his degree of Veterinary Medicine; and
- a copy of the *Certificate of Qualification* provided by CVMA upon successful completion of both parts of the NAVLE.

The applicant must pay the MVMA annual membership dues of \$743.92 per year, the initial registration fee of \$26.75 and the annual CVMA dues of \$251.45

The applicant must pass the examination requirements of the provincial association before he/she can be issued a Manitoba General License.

The fees, documentation requirements, and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice.

For more detailed information contact:

#### **Canadian Veterinary Medical Assn.**

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#### **Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association**

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