

**TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
AND INSURANCE  
Division 2270—Missouri Veterinary Medical Board  
Chapter 2—Licensure Requirements for Veterinarians**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**20 CSR 2270-2.031 Examinations.** The board is amending sections (1), (2), and (5).

*PURPOSE: This amendment updates the application deadline and the national examination organization procedure changes.*

- (1) All applicants for licensure as veterinarians in Missouri shall take both—
  - (A) The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)[
    - 1. *The deadline for applying to take the NAVLE shall be August 1 and January 3 prior to each test window*]; and
- (2) Applicants shall submit—
  - (B) The NAVLE application and fee directly to the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA). **The ICVA will determine applicant eligibility for the NAVLE examination. Once an applicant has taken the NAVLE, scores will be sent to the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board. Fourth year veterinary students, that have selected Missouri as their licensing state may qualify for licensure by examination.**
- (5) *[The NAVLE and the Missouri State Board Examinations will be administered at least once each year.]* Veterinary students within ten (10) months of graduation may apply to take all of the required exams. However, no license will be issued until an official certified transcript verifying receipt of the degree in veterinary medicine is received by the board office sent by the degree-granting institution. It shall be the student's responsibility to arrange with the school or university for the transmitting of the official transcript to the board office.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.234, RSMo 2016.\* This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-2.031. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed July 15, 2025.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board, PO Box 633, Jefferson City, MO 65102, via facsimile at (573) 526-3856, or via email at [vets@pr.mo.gov](mailto:vets@pr.mo.gov). To be*

*considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*