

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE WHO HAVE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**

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Any applicant who has been convicted of a felony will be required to appear before the Board before any license, certification, reinstatement, renewal, or practice authorization may be issued.

Any applicant who has more than one serious misdemeanor conviction will be required to appear before the Board before any license, certification, reinstatement, renewal, or practice authorization may be issued.

Any applicant who has a single serious misdemeanor conviction 10 years or less from the date the application was submitted to the Board will be required appear before the Board before any license, certification, reinstatement, renewal, or practice authorization may be issued.

Any applicant who has been convicted of one or more Class B or Class C misdemeanors (or the equivalent in other jurisdictions) *may* be required to appear before the Board before any license, certification, reinstatement, renewal, or practice authorization may be issued. The Board's Director, in consultation with the Board attorney, Board President, and/or Director of Health Related Boards, will make the determination.

**Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on December 14, 2011.**