

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO EXISTING RULES

Nonsubstantive linguistic and organizational changes were made throughout to simplify the rules, to use clear, plain language, and to remove redundancy.

CHAPTER 1

1730-01-.01, 1730-01-.02 and 1730-01-.03

Replaced Scope of Practice section (.02) with “Branches of Veterinary Medicine and Treatment Methods”. These branches and treatment methods are now defined in the Definitions section (.01) incorporating the new statutory language and Board-approved language.

Second paragraph of current .02 section, pertaining to Prescribing, Dispensing or Otherwise Distributing Pharmaceuticals, moved to more appropriate Pharmaceuticals section (.21).

Included the new statutory definition for “consultation” in the definitions. Removed all references to “direct” and “indirect” supervision per the Board’s desire to follow the statutory definition of “responsible” supervision.

Amended the definition for “supervising veterinarian” to include veterinary student interns, employees, and consulting veterinarians.

Deleted unnecessary definitions of “Board administrative office,” “Closed file,” “He/she,” “HRB,” and “License.” Amended definitions of “Veterinarian Client-Patient Relationship” and “Veterinary Facility” to simply cite the defining statutes.

Amended “surgery” definition for clarity and to accurately reflect statute.

Moved “accepted livestock management practices” from definitions to its own rule (new .03, replacing unnecessary “Necessity of Licensure” section). Reformatted rule for clarity and to comply with 2010 statutory amendments. Moved the language on consulting veterinarians from .03 to new rule .25, quoting the new statutory definition and incorporating the Board’s policy into rule.

Changed “Veterinary Medical Technicians” to “Veterinary Technicians.”

1730-01-.04

Per Board, placed a five-year effectiveness limit on licensure exam scores. Clarified the statutory requirement of good moral character that was not previously referenced.

For licensure by reciprocity, Board reduced requirements from practice for five years at 30 hours a week down to practice for three of the past five years at an average of 25 hours a week. Accordingly, changed CE requirement from 100 to 60 hours (20/year).

1730-01-.05

Amended section (1)(b) to comply with the current procedure.

Amended section (1)(f) to reference the 5 year effectiveness limit for exam scores.

Removed requirement that birth certificates be notarized.

Amended the reference to disclosing “any civil judgment” in section (1)(g)(4) to accurately reflect the question on the application. NOTE: This amendment was made to any rule that made such a reference.

Amended the rule to incorporate the “three of the five years preceding licensure application” at 25 hours/week referenced in .04.

1730-01-.07

Removed certified mail requirement for application deficiency letters from Board administration.

Streamlined and clarified application approval procedure.

Removed requirement that Board vote to ratify “abandoned” application list.

Added paragraph stating Board may require applicant interviews. NOTE: Same paragraph added to vet tech, euthanasia tech, and chemical capture sections.

Changed “within sixty (60) days after receipt of the deficiency notification” to “within sixty (60) days of mailing the deficiency notification.”

1730-01-.08

Rule amended to reflect fact that only NAVLE test currently exists. Simplified language and reformatted for clarity.

1730-01-.10

Removes all references to direct, indirect supervision. Simplifies rule to simply require “responsible” supervision of vet techs, employees, temporary licensees, student interns, and consulting vets.

1730-01-.11

Simplified language regarding licensure reactivation interviews.

Capped the continuing education (CE) requirement for reactivation at 80 hours, in addition to the current years CE.

Amends Affidavit of Retirement language to accurately reflect the Board's Affidavit form.

1730-01-.12

Removed gender-specific language, simplified organization and wording. Increased the amount of CE that can be obtained through multimedia from 8 to 10 of the 20 hours. Specified 80-hour maximum CE requirement for reactivation of retired license.

Required that for every two-year period, two of the required CE hours must pertain to regulatory issues, controlled substances, or professional ethics.

1730-01-.13

Added word "responsibly" to "failure to responsibly supervise..." Included violation of a Board order as "unprofessional conduct." Removed redundant reference to Non-livestock Animal Humane Death Act.

1730-01-.16

Included the licensure requirement which is in the current rule .02. Simplified language. Removed redundant provisions found in advertising rule.

1730-01-.17

Nonsubstantive rewording of change-of-address notification rule.

1730-01-.19

Clarified that Board consultant reviews and advises, but does not solely decide disciplinary actions.

1730-01-.20

Removed redundant definitions section. Clarified who is responsible for advertising content.

Specified that use of the words “diplomat” or “specialist” without AVMA or NAVTA recognition violates advertising rule against misrepresentation of credentials.

1730-01-.21

Incorporated the section of the current/stricken Scope of Practice Rule (.02) which dealt with Prerequisites to Prescribing. Added “and state” to “All federal and state regulations...”

1730-01-.22

Included the requirement for records to “reflect the problems the patient presents and the veterinary interventions performed and prescribed.” Failure to do so is currently considered “unprofessional conduct” pursuant to Rule 1730-01-.13, but is not required by the Recordkeeping rule.

Changed “facility” to “practice” for clarity.

Reworded paragraph 7 to clarify that another practice’s records cannot be sole basis for prescribing or dispensing medication.

Added reference to Medical Records provisions of T.C.A. § 63-2-101 to -102 regarding record request compliance timeframes.

1730-01-.24

Clarified language; no substantive change.

1730-01-.25

Incorporated Board’s old policy statement and statutory requirements on consulting vets into new rule.

CHAPTER 2

1730-02-.01

Matched definitions to section 01 and removed same definitions that were removed in 01.

1730-02-.03

Required hot and cold running water and lavatories *inside the facility*.

1730-02-.04

Matched recordkeeping requirements under 01.

1730-02-.05

Matched prescribing and dispensing requirements under 01.

CHAPTER 3

1730-03-.01

Matched definitions to section 01.

1730-03-.02

Deleted the reference to “direct supervision” so the rule will be consistent with the veterinary supervision rule in 01.

1730-03-.04

Per Board, placed a ten year effectiveness limit on licensure exam scores. Clarified the statutory requirement of good moral character that was not previously referenced.

Reduced practice requirement for licensure by reciprocity from previous five years at 30 hours/week to one out of the previous five years at 20 hours/week.

1730-03-.05

Matched changes in 01.

Removed requirement that letter of recommendation for applicants by reciprocity come from a Tennessee veterinarian; it can now come from any veterinarian. Removed letter of recommendation requirement entirely for applicants by examination.

1730-03-.07

Matched language in 01.

Changed “within sixty (60) days after receipt of the deficiency notification” to “within sixty (60) days of mailing the deficiency notification” to match language in language in 01.

1730-03-.08

Simplified rule; nonsubstantive change.

1730-03-.10

Reflected supervision requirements of 01.

1730-03-.12

Simplified language and specifies maximum requirement of 24 continuing education hours to reactivate a retired license. Now allows credit for partial hours.

1730-03-.13

Specified violation of a Board order as unprofessional conduct.

1730-03-.16

Simplified language; nonsubstantive.

1730-03-.17

Simplified language; nonsubstantive.

CHAPTER 4

1730-04-.01

Corrected “D.E.A.” definition from Agency to Administration and deleted unnecessary definitions.

1730-04-.03

New paragraph drafted upon request of the Board.

1730-04-.04

Matched language in chapter 01.

CHAPTER 5

1730-05-.01

Corrected “D.E.A.” definition from Agency to Administration and deleted unnecessary definitions.

1730-05-.04

Matched language in 01.

1730-05-.05

Added same applicant interview language found in other chapters.

1730-05-.11

Added violation of board order to “unprofessional conduct.”

1730-05-.13

Simplified language as in other chapters.

CHAPTER 6

1730-06-.03

Added same applicant interview language found in other chapters.