

## Membership Requirements

To become a member of the NSVMA and have your name entered on the Register, an applicant must

1. Be a graduate in veterinary medicine from a university, college or school recognized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and meet **one** of the following qualifications:
  - (A) Hold a Certificate of Qualification from the National Examining Board of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, **or**
  - (B) Be a member in good standing of a veterinary medical association of another jurisdiction with comparable registration criteria as determined by Council, and is licensed or entitled to practise veterinary medicine under the law of that jurisdiction, **or**
  - (C) Be a member in good standing of a veterinary medical association of another province or territory that is a signatory to any agreement under the Agreement on Internal Trade which is signed by the Association, and that mandates registration of such applicant in Nova Scotia.
2. Not be subject to a disciplinary finding that prohibits the applicant from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine,
3. Have completed the examinations approved by council, including an examination demonstrating knowledge of the Act, regulations and by-laws.
4. Be competent and of such character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, and
5. If your first language is other than English, have passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language or another test that Council determines, with a score determined by Council.

## Categories of Licenses

### General Practice License

An applicant who qualifies to be entered on the Register may apply to the Registrar for a general practice license by submitting a completed license application to the Registrar including:

1. Pay the prescribed fee.

2. Have done **one** of the following:
  3. a) Have graduated in veterinary medicine in the five years immediately before the application, from a university, college or school recognized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.
  4. b) Obtain a Certificate of Qualification from the National Examining Board in the five years immediately before the application.
  5. c) Have engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least 1000 hours in the five years immediately before the application.
  6. d) Have engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least 300 hours in the twelve months immediately before the application.
  7. Undertake to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in a professional and becoming manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, regulations, by-laws and any code of ethics adopted by the Association.
  8. Provide such information as the Registrar requires to establish that the facility or facilities in or from which the member intends to practice are accredited facilities.
- Non-Practicing License

An applicant who qualifies to be entered on the Register may apply for a non-practicing license and must:

1. Submit a completed license application.
2. Pay prescribed fee.

3. Not be engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, or intending to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine while holding a non-practicing license.

#### Life Members

A member who qualifies to be entered in the Register becomes entitled to apply for the non-practicing category of Life Membership when:

1. Submits a completed license application;
2. Pays prescribed fee;
3. The member is 65 years or older;
4. The member has been a member for ten or more consecutive years;
5. Council determines the member has taken an active interest in the affairs of the Association;
6. The member is nominated for life membership by three members and Council approves the nomination; and
7. A vote is passed at an Annual General Meeting approving the entry of the member into the life membership category.

#### Temporary License (not to exceed sixty consecutive days)

A temporary license may be granted to a member by the Registrar. A **member**, who qualifies to be on the Register, may apply for a temporary license under **one** of the following two circumstances, by completing a license application:

- (1) a **member** who meets all of the criteria listed below

-Pay prescribed fee;

-Not be subject to a disciplinary finding that prohibits the applicant from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine;

-Be competent and of such character as to safely and ethically engage in the practice of veterinary medicine;

-Undertake to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in a professional and becoming manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Regulations, Bylaws, Code of Ethics adopted by the Association

-Such information as the Registrar requires to establish that the facility or facilities in or from which the member intends to practice are accredited facilities.

(2) a **member** who holds a general practice license may apply on behalf of a non-member who is a veterinarian registered in another jurisdiction and is recognized as a specialist in accordance with criteria established by resolution of council, for purposes of examining and treating animals only at an accredited facility and within the scope of their specialty;

A **non-member** intending to practice veterinary medicine may apply for a temporary license by completing the license application if the applicant meets the criteria below. A non-member is not required to be on the Register to obtain a temporary license.

1. Pay the prescribed fee.
2. Have done **one** of the following:
3. a) Have graduated in veterinary medicine in the five years immediately before the application, from a university, college or school recognized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.
- b) Obtained a Certificate of Qualification from the National Examining Board in the five years immediately before the application.
- c) Have engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least 1000 hours in the five years immediately before the application.
- d) Have engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least 300 hours in the twelve months immediately before the application.
1. Not be subject to a disciplinary finding that prohibits the applicant from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine.

2. Be competent and of such character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of veterinary medicine.
3. Undertake to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in a professional and becoming manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, regulations, by-laws and any code of ethics adopted by the Association.
4. Provide such information as the Registrar requires to establish that the facility or facilities in or from which the member intends to practice are accredited facilities.