

Bureau of Professional Licensing Veterinary Medicine FAQ

1. How long is a veterinarian/veterinary technician license issued for?

An initial veterinarian or veterinary technician license is valid for 3 years from the date of initial licensure.

2. When can I renew my license? How do I renew my license?

Licensees can begin to renew their licenses approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of their current license.

Licensees will be sent a renewal notification approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department of any address changes (this includes email address changes). You can update your address by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus. It's a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

Licensees are required to renew their license(s) by using the online renewal system located at www.michigan.gov/miplus.

3. Is continuing education required for renewal of a Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician license?

MCL 333.18813 requires licensees to complete continuing education hours for renewal of a Veterinarian and a Veterinary Technician license.

Veterinarian – Beginning with 2022 renewals, and all renewal cycles thereafter, a licensee seeking renewal of a Veterinarian license must have completed 45 hours of board approved continuing education that satisfies the requirements of R 338.4933 prior to submitting a renewal application. A licensee is required to complete the continuing education hours if he/she was licensed for the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal.

Veterinary Technician – Beginning with 2022 renewals, and all renewal cycles thereafter, a licensee seeking renewal of a Veterinary Technician license must have completed 15 hours of board approved continuing education that satisfies the requirements of R 338.4993 prior to submitting a renewal application. A licensee is required to complete the continuing education hours if he/she was licensed for the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal.

For veterinarian relicensure applications received in the office on or after January 4, 2019, the rule was revised to include the requirement of needing to complete 45 hours of board-approved continuing education.

For veterinary technician relicensure applications received in the office on or after January 4, 2019, the rule was revised to include the requirement of needing to complete 15 hours of board-approved continuing education.

4. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

5. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Veterinarian Medicine?

You may view the current [Administrative Rules](#) and proposed revisions, if applicable, on the website www.michigan.gov/bpl.

6. There have been changes to the Administrative Rules that requires all individuals who are licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances or individuals who are seeking a controlled substance license to complete training in opioids and controlled substance awareness. When does this take effect?

Beginning with renewals in 2022, and all renewal cycles thereafter, controlled substance licensees must have completed training in opioids and controlled substances awareness that meet the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.3135.

Beginning September 1, 2019, individuals seeking a controlled substance license must have completed training in opioids and controlled substances awareness prior to obtaining a license.

Controlled substance licensees, or individuals seeking a controlled substance license must complete training in opioids and controlled substance awareness only one time. The training must have been offered after January 4, 2019. The department may select and audit a sample of individuals and request documentation of proof of completion of training.