

## Bureau of Professional Licensing Veterinary Medicine FAQ

### 1. How long is a Veterinarian/Veterinary Technician license issued for?

An initial license is valid until the next license expiration date of the profession unless the license is issued less than 120 days prior to the expiration date and then it will carry to the following year. Beginning with the 2016 renewal cycle, Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician licenses will be renewed for 3 years.

### 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 mailed a renewal notification to their address on record approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change. 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 at [www.michigan.gov/elicense](http://www.michigan.gov/elicense) using a debit or credit card containing a MasterCard, Visa or Discover logo or by electronic check.

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

MCL 333.18813 requires the completion of continuing education hours for renewal of a Veterinarian and a Veterinary Technician license. However, administrative rules implementing the continuing education requirements have not been created. Until administrative rules for continuing education are implemented, you are responsible for maintaining competence in your profession but you are not required to demonstrate how.

**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](http://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](http://www.michigan.gov/bpl).