

47-829. Licenses; expiration; renewal; continuing education requirements. (a) All licenses, including institutional licenses, shall expire annually on June 30, except as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 47-855, and amendments thereto, of each year but may be renewed by registration with the board and payment of the license renewal fee established and published by the board, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 47-822, and amendments thereto. On June 1 of each year, the executive director shall mail a notice to each licensed veterinarian that the veterinarian's license will expire on June 30 and provide the veterinarian with a form for license renewal. For institutional licenses as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 47-855, and amendments thereto, a notice of the expiration of such license shall be mailed to the applicant and the school of veterinary medicine at which the institutional licensee is employed not later than 30 days prior to the expiration of such license. The application for renewal of institutional licenses may be made in compiled format by the school of veterinary medicine for all of its employees desiring renewal, along with a single payment for all corresponding renewal fees.

(1) The application shall contain a statement to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony, has not been the subject of professional disciplinary action taken by any public agency in Kansas or any other state, territory or the District of Columbia, and has not violated any of the provisions of the Kansas veterinary practice act. If the applicant is unable to make that statement, the application shall contain a statement of the conviction, professional discipline or violation.

(2) The board, as part of the renewal process, may make necessary inquiries of the applicant and conduct an investigation in order to determine if cause for disciplinary action exists.

(b) A license may be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee as required by this section and the provision of satisfactory evidence that the licensee has participated in a minimum of 20 clock hours of continuing education. The burden of proof for showing such participation in continuing education hours shall be the responsibility of the licensee. The continuing education requirement may be waived for impaired veterinarians, as defined by K.S.A. 47-846(c), and amendments thereto, and may be waived for veterinarians while they are on active military duty with any branch of the armed services of the United States during a time of national emergency which shall not exceed the longer of three years or the duration of a national emergency, and shall be waived for persons possessing an institutional license.

(c) Any person who practices veterinary medicine after the expiration of such person's license and willfully or by neglect fails to renew such license shall be practicing in violation of this act. Any license renewal application which is submitted beyond the annual renewal date shall be assessed a penalty fee not to exceed \$100 as established by the board by rules and regulations. In the event that the application for renewal of any veterinarian license or institutional license has not been submitted within 60 days of the expiration date of such license, the board shall notify the veterinarian by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the license has expired and shall not be reinstated unless such veterinarian submits an application for and qualifies for a new license and pays the license application fee not to exceed \$250 as established by the board by rules and regulations.

(d) The board, by rules and regulations, may waive the payment of the license renewal fee of any person holding a Kansas veterinary license or institutional license during the period when such person is on active military duty with any branch of the armed services of the United States during a time of national emergency which shall not to exceed the longer of three years or the duration of a national emergency.

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