

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
VETERINARY LICENSE RENEWAL**

1. **YOUR CURRENT VETERINARY LICENSE EXPIRES AUGUST 1, 2024.** Enclosed is an envelope to send your payment for Mississippi Veterinary Medical License renewal.
2. **RENEWAL FEE - \$150.00. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**
3. If you do not wish to renew your license, please notify the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine before August 1, 2024.
4. If any holder of a license fails to renew his/her license by August 1, he/she shall be notified of the delinquency by letter addressed to the last known address of such person as recorded with the Board and if the renewal is not executed within thirty (30) calendar days from the mailing of such notice, then the license of such person **shall by operation of law automatically expire and become void without further action of the Board.**
5. **Failure to renew your license will result in a reinstatement fee of \$500.**
6. Please note that the Continuing Education requirements instituted during the COVID pandemic have been made permanent.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - All veterinarians licensed in the State of Mississippi shall be required to complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education between August 1 and August 1 of the licensure period. Five (5) of those hours may be satisfied through any AAVSB RACE approved offering. The remaining ten (10) hours must be completed through contact hours encompassing the interactive distance, seminar/lecture, lab/wet lab including live streamed programs. Any contact hours that are completed by online interactive distance or live streamed programs must be RACE approved. The Board has approved USDA accreditation modules as online contact hours. Other CE offerings have been individually approved by the Board. Those CE providers will inform participants of the Board's approval.

These hours should have been earned from August 1, 2023 to August 1, 2024. CE completed 15 days prior to August 1, 2023 may be counted for this renewal cycle.

The continuing education requirement in Mississippi was established with the goal of ensuring that the public receive the best possible care from the veterinary community. The Board attempts to achieve this goal by requiring those persons who are licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Mississippi to remain current in subjects related to the clinical practice of the profession.

Veterinarians who graduated in 2023 must pay a license renewal fee of \$150 but will not be required to show proof of continuing education.

PROOF OF ATTENDANCE

Proof of attendance at a continuing education meeting is required to renew your license.

The proof of attendance should consist of a copy of an attendance certificate from the sponsoring organization listing the name of the conference/program, the actual number of hours personally attended, the date(s) of the program, and your name.

You must submit all proof of CE to our office.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS

The board shall have the authority to excuse licensees, as a group or an individual, from the annual education requirements and/or license renewal fees in any of the following instances:

- A. The submission of an affidavit to the board evidencing that the licensee, for good cause assigned, was prevented from attending an educational program at the proper time.
- B. In the event of sickness or an unusual emergency
- C. Persons who have reached the age of 70 or over
- D. For other good and sufficient reason

In order to be excused for any of the above reasons, you must submit a letter to the board before August 1, 2024.

- 7. **All fees are non-refundable.**
- 8. Any licensed veterinarian who is 65 years or older and who is employed as a veterinarian on a part time basis may be exempt from the payment of such annual renewal fees. (You must notify the board, in writing, if you choose this option.)
- 9. The payment of the annual license renewal fee shall be optional for all veterinarians seventy (70) years and older.

If you have any questions, call the board office (662) 324-9380.

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