

This is an amendment to 16.25.6 NMAC, Section 10, effective 5-8-2016.

16.25.6.10 RENEWAL OF LICENSE: A list of all fees relating to renewal of a registered veterinary technician license is listed at Subsection D of 16.25.6.10 NMAC and at the board's web site: www.nmbvm.org.

A. A veterinary technician's license expires and is due for renewal each year on the last day of December. If a registered veterinary technician's license lapses and is not renewed within five years, they must reapply, retake and pass the examination before they can obtain licensure, NMSA 1978, Section 61-14-12.

B. A registered veterinary technician license is lapsed if the license renewal is not postal postmarked on or before the December 31 expiration date.

C. Registered veterinary technicians shall display at the business location, in full view of the public, the current year license renewal certificate.

D. License fees:

(1) initial license fee is prorated from date of license issue to last day of December;

(2) annual renewal fee - \$75; ~~and~~

(3) [inactive status - \\$37.50. Annual continuing education requirement must be fulfilled and reported;](#)

[\(4\) license reactivation - \\$50 along with completed application for reactivation and verification of required annual 8.00 continuing education hours while license in inactive status; and](#)

~~(3)~~ (5) late renewal penalties:

(a) postal postmarked no later than 30 days after December 31 expiration date - \$25; or

(b) postal postmarked more than 30 days after December 31 expiration date - \$25 plus \$5 per day not to exceed \$300.

E. Continuing education.

(1) Each registered veterinary technician licensed to practice in New Mexico must certify that he has completed at least eight hours of approved continuing education during the preceding year. The hours will be derived from seminars, short courses, or scientific programs approved by RACE, AVMA, NAVTA, or sponsored by a veterinary medical association, veterinary organization, university, or by the board. There will be no exemptions for age or retirement.

(2) A waiver of delinquent hours may be granted by the board if a request is made in writing. The hours must be made up in the next calendar year and is in addition to the current year annual CE requirement.

(3) Continuing education hours will be accumulated on an annual basis from January through December.

(4) A maximum of eight credit hours may be accrued as excess and carried forward to the subsequent licensing year.

(5) A form to be completed by the registered veterinary technician at the time of annual renewal will be provided by the board of veterinary medicine.

(6) The burden of proving the validity of the reported hours lies solely with the registered veterinary technician.

(7) A new licensee must comply with the continuing education requirement beginning the next full licensure year after graduation.

(8) In general, CE must be in the form of contact hours. Credit for non-contact forms of instruction including online training or articles in printed periodicals is accepted, if the instruction:

(a) is designed for veterinary technicians; and

(b) non-contact hours do not comprise more than half of the annual requirement of eight CE hours.

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