New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine

Bovine Artificial Insemination and Pregnancy Diagnosis Permit Information

Pursuant to 16.25.8.8 NMAC: Any person who provides bovine artificial insemination (AI) and bovine pregnancy diagnosis (PD) services for compensation must possess a permit from the Board for each type of service.

Artificial Insemination and/or Pregnancy Diagnosis

Anyone providing artificial insemination and/or pregnancy diagnosis services to cattle for compensation must maintain a current permit(s) for those services. To obtain a permit or permits you must apply to the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine and satisfy the following requirements:

Initial permit: Applicant must pass a written examination administered by the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine with a score of 70% or greater, and pass a proficiency examination administered by a New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine-approved examiner. The examiner must endorse the application certifying that the examinee is proficient in the service tested and recommend the permit be issued. Minimum standards for the proficiency examination are set by the Board.

Permit renewal: Submission of the renewal application, letters of recommendation attesting to proficiency from at least two clients that have used applicant's services within the last twelve months, and payment of $75 for one year. If two client endorsements are not available, taking and passing the Board-administered proficiency examination may be substituted. If the renewal application is not submitted prior to December 31st, the following late charges will apply: postal postmarked January 1st- January 31st - $50; after January 31st - $75.

If an AI or PD permit lapses and is not renewed within one year, the applicant must retake and pass the examinations before a renewal permit will be issued.

Minimum Standards for Proficiency Examination:

The number of animals required to demonstrate proficiency can meet or exceed the following minimum number set below as determined by Examiner. AI proficiency: Minimum of twelve and up to twenty five successfully passed pipettes. PD proficiency: Minimum of fifty cows palpated with sufficient number of open cows to demonstrate proficiency at determining normal open cow anatomy, and determining pregnancy status with at least 90% accuracy beginning at 60 days of pregnancy and 90% accuracy to trimester.