

Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Board/Commission Composition: 5 Licensed Veterinarians, 1 Public Member [Idaho Code 54-2105](#)

Index of Statute, Rule, and Policy Requirements for Licensure and Renewal

		Statute I.C. §	Rule IDAPA 46.01.01	Policy	Application	Time from Complete Application to Final Action		Basis to Deny or Not Accept Application	Basis to Refuse Renewal	Fees	Cost per applicant or licensee
						Range	Average				
Veterinarian	Issuance Requirem ents	54- 2107; 54- 2108; 54- 2110; 54- 2111;	010; 011; 012; 013	NA	See Attached	1 day – 1 year*	2-3 days	I.C. § 54-2115	I.C. § 54- 2115	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 01	\$317- \$467**
	Renewal Requirem ents	54-2112	012	NA	See Attached	1 day – 8 weeks+	5-6 days	I.C. § 54-2115	I.C. § 54- 2115	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 01	\$50- \$175++
Certified Veterinary Technician	Issuance Requirem ents	54-2108	100; 101	NA	See Attached	1 day – 1 year*	2-3 days	IDAPA 46.01.01.105	IDAPA 46.01.01.1 05	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 02	\$167- \$217**
	Renewal Requirem ents	54-2112	104	NA	See Attached	1 day – 8 weeks+	5-6 days	IDAPA 46.01.01.105	IDAPA 46.01.01.1 05	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 02	\$25-\$75++

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Certified Euthanasia Technician	Issuance Requirem ents	NA	205.03	NA	See Attached	1 day – 1 week	2-3 days	IDAPA 46.01.01.206	IDAPA 46.01.01.2 06	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 04	\$142##
	Renewal Requirem ents	NA	205.04	NA	See Attached	1 day – 8 weeks+	5-6 days	IDAPA 46.01.01.206	IDAPA 46.01.01.2 06	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 04	\$100
Certified Euthanasia Agency	Issuance Requirem ents	NA	204	NA	See Attached	1 week – 2 months#	1 month	IDAPA 46.01.01.206	IDAPA 46.01.01.2 06	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 04(a)	\$100
	Renewal Requirem ents	NA	204.09	NA	See Attached	1 day – 8 weeks	5-6 days	IDAPA 46.01.01.206	IDAPA 46.01.01.2 06	IDAPA 46.01.01.014. 04(b)	\$200

* Response based on policy stating applications will be retained for up to one year from initial receipt.

** Response indicates original license fee plus background check OR original license fee plus background check & temporary license. The Board meets twice a year to evaluate new licenses and a temporary license is required for the interim.

+ Renewals run for 8 weeks and can be delayed if a background check requires Board review.

++ Renew license or certificate as Inactive vs. Active.

Initial certification for a Euthanasia Agency requires an onsite inspection. COHE volunteer members schedule inspections in their respective regions.

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Applications and Renewals Denied (either May 19, 2016-May 19-2017 OR May 19, 2017-May 19, 2018)Refusal to Issue Initial License [Total Number: 0]

	Application/ Identification Number	Statutory Basis	Factual Summary (optional)
1			

Refusal to Renew License [Total Number: 0]

	License/ Identification Number	Statutory Basis	Factual Summary (optional)
1			

Disciplinary Actions (suggested past 5 years)

Case No	Date of Final Action	Action Taken	Statutory Basis	Factual Basis (optional)
BVM 13-06	04/28/14	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 153.01.a, I.C. § 54-2115(10), Board Rule 153.01(a)	
BVM 13-12a	06/25/15	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 153.01a	
BVM 13-12b	06/25/15	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54.2115(9), Board Rule 152.01, I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 154.02, I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 153.01.a, I.C. § 54-2115(9)(10), Board Rule 152.12, Board Rule 154, Board Rule 154.03	
BVM 13-19	04/07/2014	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 154.08(g), Board Rule 154.09, I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 154.08(e)(f), I.C. § 54-2115(10), Board Rule 154.08(a)(b)(c)	

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BVM 14-04a	06/25/14	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2114(2), I.C. § 54-2115(2), I.C. § 54-2115(7), Board Rules 151.04, Board Rule 152.05
BVM- 14-04b	06/23/14	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2104(1), I.C. § 54-2114(1), I.C. § 54-2115(23)
BVM 15-5	4/23/15	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. §54-2115(9), I.C. § 54-2115(11), Board Rule 153.01a, I.C. § 54-2115(10), Board Rule 153.01.a, Board Rule 154.03, I.C. § 54-2115 (9), I.C. § 54-2115(10), Board Rule 152.12, Board Rule 154.01.a, 154.01.e
BVM 15-10	10/31/2016	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2103(27), I.C. § 54-2103(30), I.C. § 54-2103(43), I.C. § 54-2115(6)(9), Board Rule 151.07.a, Board Rule 153.01.a, I.C. § 54-2115(9), Board Rule 153.01.a, Board Rule 151.07.b, Board Rule 153.06.a, I.C. § 54-2115(21), Board Rule 152.13, Board Rule 103.02.a.iii, Board Rule 103.02.f, Board Rule 152.02, Board rule 152.01, I.C. § 54-2115(9), I.C. § 54-5115(10), Board Rule 152.12, Board Rule 154.01(a), 154.01 (d), 154.01(e),
BVM 16-03	06/21/2016	Stipulated Discipline	Idaho Code § 54-2115(9)(10), Board Rule 152.12, Board Rule 154.01.d, 154.01.e, 154.01.h, I.C. § 54-2103(4), I.C. § 54-2115(2), Board Rule 151.01, Board Rule152.01, Board Rule 153.01.c
BVM- 16-19	01/12/2017	Stipulated Discipline	I.C. § 54-2114(2), I.C. § 54-2115(2), I.C. § 54-2115(7), Board Rule 151.04, Board Rule 152.05, I.C. § 54-2104(2)(b)
BVM 17-08	06/05/2017	Stipulated Discipline	Board Rule 105.02.b., I.C. §54-2115(15), Board Rule 152.01, I.C. 54-2104(1), 54-2104(2)(h), I.C. § 54-2103(34), Board Rule 103, Board Rule 105.16, I.C. § 54-2115(10), Board Rule 154, Board Rule 154.01.f, Board Rule 154.01.h

Law, Rule, or Policy Changes or Attempted Changes in Last 5 Years to Eliminate Barriers to Entry

Session	Legislation	Summary
2017	I.C. § 54-2112(5)	Allows veterinary technicians to renew certificates inactive providing a type of place holder. If/when they reinstate the cost and paperwork submission is

		reduced from that of a new license.
2017	Docket #46-01-01-1603; IDAPA 46.01.01.014(f)	Removal of \$20 fee for veterinary technician verifications. Reduces financial burden for those seeking certification in another state.
June 2018 Board Meeting	BOVM Policy 2018-02	This policy covers definitions and provides guidelines associated with telemedicine and adopted from American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Veterinary State Boards model language. This policy gives further direction to our Veterinary Practice Act, which is flexible enough to allow telemedicine businesses to participate in Idaho with appropriate levels of oversight and accountability already incorporated in our VPA.

Assessment of Public Interest

The Board is mandated to promote the public health, safety and welfare by safeguarding the people and animals of this state by establishing and enforcing professional standards in the licensure and regulation of veterinary health professionals. After the review of our licensure processes, research, and internally running statistical analyses comparing the BOVM regulatory framework to other western jurisdictions, I believe the Board's current level of oversight is appropriate for the profession.

Alterations in the licensure process would benefit applicants and the increase the efficiency of the office, and the BOVM has taken steps to do so. This last legislative session a one-time renewal fee increase was used to purchase an online licensing renewal program. This software has resulted in increased efficiency and will eventually amount to significant time savings in numerous facets for our office and for the professionals that use it. The new software has allowed us to consolidate several databases into one and integrate it with our fiscal system. In the short time it has been in service, we have seen increased productivity and feel there is potential for more.

It is difficult to assess effectiveness and what is an appropriate level of government regulatory oversight. One simple technique is through word count of the Practice Acts. The assumption made is that the fewer words the fewer regulations are in place. An average word count was performed on the veterinary practice acts from nine surrounding states. The Idaho Veterinary Practice Act emerged as the median for those states. A more thorough analysis needs to be performed on the data because some of the selected states do not regulate veterinary technicians; however, a closer look at types of language would probably be a more effective metric.

Another reason for my assessment is based on the findings from the 2015 Report on Occupational Licensing from the White House which concludes that licensed workers are less likely to move out of state than unlicensed or even certified workers. It also states that certain occupations are less mobile than others and on this point I agree. Veterinary medicine, for the most part, lends itself to developing long-term patient-client relationships, which is difficult to do if you are moving regularly for work. I believe this result is reflected in Idaho's low transient veterinary population. The Board has seen low, but steady, growth indicating that this occupation likely falls under this type of business model rather than an over regulated industry.

Recommendations for Improvement, Modification, or Elimination of Requirements

There are always approaches to make improvements and the regulatory industry is no exception. In our office, we could implement changes in procedure, modification of license types and the elimination of paperwork.

Changes for initial licensure include:

1. Eliminate moral character affidavits
2. Switch to electronic applications
3. Acceptance and/or request electronic original documents
4. Accept electronic notarization

Changes to renewal licensure include:

1. Redundant signature elimination
2. Switch completely to electronic renewals

Initial and renewed licenses would both benefit from either reciprocity or a carefully crafted interstate compact. In theory, these would open the market for those veterinarians wishing to practice in multiple states. This has been discussed at our national conferences and both scenarios have advantages and disadvantages. The benefits would be mobility of a license, reduced time applying, and potentially decreased cost. The issues with these programs include passaging compatible bills in separate state legislatures, dissimilar background checks and application requirements, equal or increased costs, creation of a national or regional bureaucracy, and loss of state control over a vital professional industry. Case studies from other industries with reciprocity and compacts exist; however, veterinary medicine presents a unique challenge and it will be debated extensively before a solution is agreed on.