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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



KBVE Newsletter July 2026 Edition

A Note from the KBVE Chair

The 2026 veterinarian and LVT renewal period opened on July 1st. This newsletter is full of important CE reminders for all renewing licensees.

By this time, license holders should have received multiple email announcements from the Board's database concerning license renewal. If you have not, please reach out to staff to ensure the Board has an updated email address on file.

If you run into any roadblocks or technical issues while renewing, please reach out for help by emailing Vet@ky.gov (preferred) or calling 502-564-5433. Staff will respond as quickly as possible with support.

Finally, don't forget that KBVE has partnered with KVMA and DEA to offer a free round of regional meetings this year. Attendees can earn two (2) hours of CE credit and enjoy dinner while learning about state and federal legal requirements and association updates. These meetings are also an excellent opportunity to reconnect with your colleagues and have in-person discussions about local issues. We've had great turnouts already. Don't miss out on the remaining offerings. We hope to see you there!



John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

License Renewal Open - CE Reminders

Renewal for Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licenses opened on July 1, 2026.

On-time applications are due by September 30, with the following renewal fee:

- \$495 - Active veterinarian license (Grace period late fee = +\$300)
- \$100 - Inactive* veterinarian license (Grace period late fee is +\$200)
- \$45 - Active LVT license (Grace period late fee = +\$30)
- \$10 - Inactive* LVT license (Grace period late fee = +\$25)

Renewal grace period is from October 1 - November 30.

**** Be Advised ****

Inactive licensure status is a pause on the ability to practice; this status holds the license in place and no CE is required to renew, however, **license holders are prohibited from practice in Kentucky while in Inactive status.**

Important Renewal Reminders

- Be prepared. When you sit down to renew your license through the eServices Portal, be certain to have all your earned CE details, information for other licenses (license number and expiration dates), and your current contact information on hand.
 - eServices Portal can be accessed from the [KBVE homepage](#) by scrolling down and clicking on the "Log In" button below the heading "Online Services".
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Renewal CE Requirements

For veterinarians:

- 30 hours are due every two (2) years by September 30;
- No more than 10 hours may be related to practice management, business administration, or wellbeing;
- At least 20 hours shall be directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine; and
- At least two (2) hours each renewal are now required to be in one or more of the following topics: pharmacy or controlled substances, antimicrobials, or Kentucky or federal laws/regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

For LVTs:

- Six (6) hours are due annually;
- No more than three (3) hours may be related to practice management, business administration, or wellbeing; and
- At least one (1) hour each renewal is now required to be in one or more of the following topics: pharmacy or controlled substances, antimicrobials, or Kentucky or federal laws/regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

For both license types:

- Half of the CE due each period shall be in a live, real-time format either in-person or online.
- Proof of CE is required to be kept on file for four (4) years past the date of renewal; this should be a certificate of completion or an email with all of the same information as the certificate would have.
- See 201 KAR 16:590 for comprehensive CE requirements.

NOTE: KBVE does NOT accept RACetrack reports as proof of CE.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2023-23

Case Details:

- May 2023 - A complainant requested records from a veterinarian for services they received in 2021. Even though the records request was only two (2) years past the date of service, the client was told the veterinarian had retired and was not able to provide records. According to the Kentucky Practice Act, records must be retained for a period of five (5) years past the last patient encounter, and copies are to be made available to the client upon request during that time period.
- June 2023 - Initial letters were sent to the licensee seeking a response.
- July 2023 - The licensee responded that, after retirement, they had stopped the subscription service for radiographs and were no longer able to access their client records. Additionally, the copies they retained on their computer were lost when the computer crashed.
- August 2023-May 2024 - The Board worked with the licensee while access to the records were restored and records were made available to all clients.
- December 2024 - The licensee was issued a private admonishment and required to keep records available to clients until the records retention requirements were fulfilled.

Start to Finish: This case spanned 20 months.

General Cautions: The retirement of a Kentucky-licensed veterinarian does not relieve the veterinarian from the record-keeping and provision requirements stated in KRS 321.187. A retiring veterinarian must retain a complete copy of the records for the required five (5) years past the last patient encounter, or may contract that obligation to another veterinarian or business entity upon closure of the veterinarian's practice. Further, clients should be advised of any potential closing and provided instructions on how to access their records moving forward, or provided a reasonable opportunity to collect their records.

This spotlight is part of our effort to illustrate the Board's role in maintaining professionalism and protecting the public interest.

Remaining Regional CE Meetings This Summer!

Join the Board, the KVMA, and the U.S. DEA at one of 10 regional continuing education (CE) meetings. We have already hosted six meetings, with only four remaining. We hope you can join us!

These meetings are free to attend, provide dinner, and count for the two (2) new required CE hours in Kentucky & federal laws and/or controlled substances. Unless otherwise noted, food will be provided at 5:30 pm local time, with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:00 pm local time.

RSVP to Vet@ky.gov with the city and date of the meeting you plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VMA Region	City	Date
South East	London	Thu, 8/13
Greater Louisville	Louisville	Tue, 8/18
Lincoln Trail	Elizabethtown	Thu, 8/20
Statewide	Zoom	Tue, 9/8 @ 7:00 pm EDT (Dinner not provided)

KBVE Meetings Update

- **September 10, 2026 - 1:00 pm EDT – Regular Board Meeting**
 - 9:00 am - Grievance Committee (Most of this meeting is closed to public, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j) and KRS 321.187(6))
 - 10:00 am - Applications Committee

Guest Speakers:

- Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE)
- National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)

Location:

KBVE Office, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511
Hybrid virtual option available with RSVP to Vet@ky.gov

The KBVE Board [Meeting Schedule is available online](#). Additional Committee meetings are also listed at this location.

Meetings are open to all licensees and the public. Board meeting agendas are posted in advance of the meeting. Attend and earn free CE for veterinarians and LVTs -- this CE will count toward the new requirements for state/federal laws and regulations.

Don't forget to check out the KBVE Meeting Minutes which highlight important points of discussion, as well as directives and decisions issued by the Board. Find KBVE Minutes online in the [Meetings and Minutes Archive](#). Minutes are posted after they are approved as final by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Facility Registration Update

By the Numbers

As of 7/14/2026*:

- Facility Applications received.....708
- Initial application reviews completed.....312
- Applications approved.....241
- Data entry (partial / initial) complete.....693
- Facility Registrations Issued.....42
- Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress
- Facility Notice of Noncompliance letters issued.....9

* Numbers may vary from previous reports due to incorrect or duplicate facility application types received.

KBVE has begun issuing Notices of Compliance (NCs) to facilities identified as not having submitted an application. If you have not yet submitted your facility's registration paperwork, please [contact KBVE today](#) to learn about your options.

KBVE Mission

The mission of the KBVE is to regulate and ensure professional competency for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, allied animal health professionals, and animal euthanasia specialists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the safety and well-being of animal health as well as the confidence of the public in the services provided by members of these professions.

Have comments about this newsletter, or ideas for future newsletter topics?
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