

License Reciprocity: Veterinarian or Veterinarian Technician

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When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, an out-of-state licensed veterinarian or veterinarian technician can provide uncompensated care in Louisiana if they are engaged in a legitimate relief effort and follow the scope of practice of Louisiana licensed veterinarian or veterinarian technician

Temporary Registration during Declared Public Health Emergency

- A. In a public health emergency lawfully declared as such by the governor of Louisiana, the requirement for a Louisiana license (veterinarian) or Louisiana registration (veterinary technician) may be suspended by the board through its emergency rule-making authority at that time to those out of state veterinarians and/or veterinary technicians, whose licenses, certifications or registrations are current and unrestricted in another jurisdiction of the United States, for a period of time not to exceed the duration and scope of R.S. 29:769(E), as more particularly set forth in this rule.
- B. The Emergency Rule implemented by the board pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Practice Act shall address the necessity for such an Emergency Rule and the specificity necessary to address the needs of the particular declared emergency at issue. Such information will be posted on the board's Internet website along with the appropriate forms for review and use by interested parties.
- C. Accordingly, the following requirements for temporary registration may be imposed pursuant to the Emergency Rule issued and/or any other requirements which more properly address the needs of the particular declared emergency.
- D. A veterinarian or veterinary technician not licensed, certified or registered in Louisiana, whose licenses, certifications or registrations are current and unrestricted in another jurisdiction of the United States, may gratuitously provide veterinary services if:

1. the veterinarian or veterinary technician has photo identification and a license to verify a current and unrestricted license, certification or registration in another jurisdiction of the United States, and properly registers with the board prior to providing veterinary services in Louisiana as follows;

2. the veterinarian or veterinary technician is engaged in a legitimate relief effort during the emergency period, and provides satisfactory documentation to the board of the location site(s) that he will be providing gratuitous veterinary services;

3. the veterinarian or veterinary technician shall comply with the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act, board rules, and other applicable laws, as well as practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his skills, training, and ability; and

4. the veterinarian or veterinary technician renders veterinary services on a gratuitous basis with no revenue of any kind to be derived whatsoever from the provision of veterinary services within the state of Louisiana.

E. The authority provided for in the Emergency Rule shall be applicable for a period of time not to exceed 60 days at the discretion of the board, with the potential extension of up to two additional periods not to exceed 60 days for each extension as determined appropriate and necessary by the board.

F. All interested veterinarians or veterinary technicians shall submit a copy of their respective current and unrestricted licenses, certifications or registrations issued in other jurisdictions of the United States and photograph identification, as well as other requested information, to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine Office for registration with this agency prior to gratuitously providing veterinary services in Louisiana.

G. Should a qualified veterinarian or veterinarian technician registered with the board thereafter fail to comply with any requirement or condition established by this rule, the board may terminate his registration upon notice and hearing.

H. In the event a veterinarian or veterinarian technician fails to register with the board, but practices veterinary medicine, whether gratuitously or otherwise, then such conduct will be considered the unlawful practice of veterinary medicine and prosecuted accordingly.