Welcome to Nova Scotia for Internationally Educated Veterinarians


Pathway to Licensure

START

Apply to: Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)¹
- For assessment of international credentials
- To become a National Examining Board (NEB) candidate
- To meet language requirement

Complete three NEB Exams²
- Basic and Clinical Sciences Examination (BCSE) - this must be taken first
- North American Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE)
- Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE) - a hands-on, practical exam; may be taken at various test sites

Obtain NEB Certificate of Qualification (CQ)

Apply to Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association (NSVMA)³ for a general license
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Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)
339 Booth Street, Ottawa
Ontario, K1R 7K1
Toll-free in: 1-800-567-2862
Email: admin@cvma-acvm.org
Website: http://www.canadianveterinarians.net/

The website includes a Candidates Enrollment Guide and good resources.

Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association (NSVMA)
15 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville
Nova Scotia, B4C 2M9
Phone: (902) 865-1876
Email: info@nsvma.ca

This is the licensing body for the province of Nova Scotia. The NSVMA web site includes valuable information including a list of clinics in the province. After you complete the first two NEB exams, NSVMA can help to arrange a preceptor-ship with a Canadian licensed vet. This can give you a chance to practice performing procedures.

Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
Agricultural Camps
PO Box 550, Truro, NS
B2N 5E3
Website: http://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/programs.html

The Faculty of Agriculture offers a Veterinary Technology Diploma program and also courses in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Atlantic Veterinary College
University of Prince Edward Island
550 University Avenue
Charlottetown, PEI C1A 4P3
Phone: (902) 566-0882
Email: avc@upie.ca
Website: http://avc.upei.ca/

VSTEP Skills Training & Enhancement Program (Ontario)
http://www.vstepontario.org/

Career Pathway Loan Fund (CPLF):
The Career Pathway Loan Fund is a community-based partnership that assists internationally trained immigrants with microloans to overcome financial barriers in becoming licensed to practice and entering the workforce in their occupations or related fields.
For more information please contact your employment specialist at ISIS.
Website: www.isisns.ca/cplf

Immigrant Settlement & Integration Services (ISIS):
6960 Mumford Road, Suite 2120
Halifax NS, B3L 4P1
Phone: (902) 423-3607
Fax: (902) 423-3152
Email: employment_services@isisns.ca
Website: www.isisns.ca

ISIS Provides:
- Employment Counselling/Coaching onsite & distance
- Assistance with navigating the pathway to licensure
- Pre-employment workshops online & onsite
- Professional mentoring
- Work placement in related field
- Referral to related technical training programs
- Access to learning resources
- TOEFL/IELTS preparation

Supports & Resources