

WSR 22-11-062

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Veterinary Board of Governors)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: [Amending] WAC 246-933-250; repealing WAC 246-933-285, 246-935-130 and 246-937-080; and creating new WAC 246-933-435 and 246-935-305. The veterinary board of governors (board) is amending, repealing, and adding new sections to address suicide prevention education, and HIV/AIDs prevention education for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary medication clerks.

The adopted rule implements the section of ESHB 2411 (chapter 229, Laws of 2020) that was codified in RCW 18.92.280. The law amended chapter 18.92 RCW to require the board to develop a suicide prevention training program for veterinarians and veterinary technicians to take as part of their required continuing education. The adopted rule requires veterinarians and veterinary technicians to take a one-time, three-hour training. The training program must include content that covers mental health and well-being; suicide risk, prevention, and resourcing; and imminent harm by lethal means. The three house [hours] of training may count toward existing required continuing education hours.

ESHB 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020) removes the requirement for health care practitioners to take HIV/AIDs prevention training. HIV/AIDs prevention education has been removed from the adopted rule.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 246-933-435 and 246-935-305; repealing WAC 246-933-285, 246-935-130 and 246-937-080; and amending WAC 246-933-250.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.92.030 and 18.92.280.

Other Authority: ESHB 2411 (chapter 229, Laws of 2020); ESHB 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-04-085 on January 31, 2022.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 2, Amended 1, Repealed 3.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 2, Amended 1, Repealed 3.

Date Adopted: March 21, 2022.

Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair
Veterinary Board of Governors

OTS-3464.2

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-23-007, filed 11/6/19, effective 12/7/19)

WAC 246-933-250 Examination and licensure requirements. To qualify for licensure in this state, a candidate must:

- (1) Successfully complete either the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) or the National Board Examination for Veterinary Medical Licensing (NBE); ~~((and))~~
- (2) Successfully complete the Washington state jurisprudence examination; and
- (3) Be a graduate of a program that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. A person who is a graduate of a college of veterinary medicine not accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association must:
 - (a) Successfully complete the American Veterinary Medical Association's Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program (ECFVG); or
 - (b) Successfully complete the American Association of Veterinary State Board's Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) ~~((and~~
- ~~(4) Complete four clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8).~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.92.030. WSR 19-23-007, § 246-933-250, filed 11/6/19, effective 12/7/19; WSR 07-20-036, § 246-933-250, filed 9/25/07, effective 10/26/07; WSR 01-02-066, § 246-933-250, filed 12/29/00, effective 1/29/01; WSR 92-17-076 (Order 299B), § 246-933-250, filed 8/19/92, effective 9/19/92; WSR 92-03-074 (Order 235B), § 246-933-250, filed 1/14/92, effective 2/14/92; WSR 91-02-060 (Order 108B), recodified as § 246-933-250, filed 12/28/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-08-033 (Order PM 719), § 308-151-080, filed 4/1/88; WSR 85-03-085 (Order PL 509), § 308-151-080, filed 1/18/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.92.030 and 18.92.070. WSR 83-07-050 (Order PL 429), § 308-151-080, filed 3/18/83. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.92.030. WSR 80-05-032 (Order 340), § 308-151-080, filed 4/15/80.]

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-933-435 Veterinarian suicide prevention education. A licensed veterinarian or a retired active licensed veterinarian shall complete a board-approved, one-time training in suicide prevention that is at least three hours in length. Training must include suicide awareness and prevention, mental health and well-being, and imminent harm by lethal means.

- (1) This training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after July 1, 2022, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later.
- (2) The board accepts only courses that are listed on the board's website.
- (3) Training completed between June 11, 2020, and June 30, 2022, that meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, is accepted as meeting the one-time training requirement of this section.

(4) The hours spent completing the training in suicide prevention under this section count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements for veterinarian license renewal.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-933-285 HIV/AIDS prevention and information
education requirements.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 246-935-305 Veterinary technician suicide prevention education. A licensed veterinary technician or a retired active licensed veterinary technician shall complete a board-approved, one-time training in suicide prevention that is at least three hours in length. Training must include suicide awareness and prevention, mental health and well-being, and imminent harm by lethal means.

(1) This training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after July 1, 2022, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later.

(2) The board accepts only courses that are listed on the board's website.

(3) Training completed between June 11, 2020, and June 30, 2022, that meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, is accepted as meeting the one-time training requirement of this section.

(4) The hours spent completing the training in suicide prevention under this section count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements for veterinary technician license renewal.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-935-130 AIDS prevention and information
education requirements.

OTS-3498.1

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-937-080 HIV/AIDS prevention and information
education requirements.