

Welcome New Graduates - 2010!

The final semester of your professional program is underway and you are now in the process of bringing to a close the exploration of your career options. Regardless of where you choose to practice as a veterinarian, we extend best wishes for a successful career. We are very proud of veterinarians and the contributions they make to our profession, to animal health, and to their communities.

Working in Nova Scotia

Thank you for considering Nova Scotia as a place to work. We believe that Nova Scotia is a great place to live and work. Nova Scotia provides a variety of lifestyles - urban, suburban and rural paths of living.

The Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association has a membership of about 300 and is the regulatory body that governs the practice of veterinary medicine in our province. Many of you would have met our Registrar, Dr. Frank Richardson, during his visit to AVC in the Fall of 2009. Over the next few years, we would like to increase our opportunities to meet with students enrolled in the professional veterinary program at Atlantic Veterinary College.

Most veterinary practice in Nova Scotia is private practice and small animal based, but we also have equine, and mixed practices. We have veterinarians who work with both the federal and provincial governments, in research, and in teaching, and we have members who are associated with special interest areas. We have members who are actively involved with the SPCA and we have members who practice in multiple provinces.

Applying for a license

To apply for a license with the NSVMA, you will need to gather the following documentation and send these documents to the NSVMA Office.

Application form	Cheque for Application Fees
Recent Photograph	Copy of your graduation diploma
Copy of your Certificate of Qualification	Recent Criminal Records Check

When these forms have arrived at the office, and assuming they are acceptable, we will ask you to complete a short quiz that pertains to your responsibilities as a practicing veterinarian in Nova Scotia and as a member of the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association. When that is successfully completed, we will invite you to the next NSVMA Council meeting, where you can meet its members, and hear directly from the Registrar about our expectations for your standards of practice. We will then send you your card to confirm your membership in the NSVMA.

Fees

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association is cognizant of the costs incurred by students who are completing a professional veterinary medical program and in 2010, will not charge membership fees for new graduates. In ensuing years, the NSVMA will collect CVMA fees on behalf of the CVMA and make the rebate to them. To repeat, for this year, there are no CVMA fees for new graduates. Coincidentally, the President Elect of the CVMA is a practicing veterinarian in Nova Scotia – Dr. Doug Roberts.

Your application Fee is \$565.00

paid by cheque and made payable to the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association.

Broken down: Application fee - (\$100.00); Membership- (\$400.00); HST – (\$065.00)

You may send your application / documentation to our office at any time, but Certificates of Qualification are not issued by the National Examining Board until May. That slows the licensing process because we require the C of Q for membership. The first NSVMA Council meeting scheduled after the release of the Certificates of Qualification is June 9, 2010.

Currently, Registrars are negotiating with the NEB for a quicker release time for these documents so licensing may proceed earlier.

If you have questions, please contact us by email. nsvma@ns.sympatico.ca

Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association General Practice License Requirements

To become a member of the NSVMA and have your name entered on the Register, an applicant must:

1. Be a graduate in veterinary medicine from a university, college or school recognized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and meet **one** of the following qualifications:
 - (A) Hold a Certificate of Qualification from the National Examining Board of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, **or**
 - (B) Be a member in good standing of a veterinary medical association of another jurisdiction with comparable registration criteria as determined by Council, and is licensed or entitled to practise veterinary medicine under the law of that jurisdiction, **or**
 - (C) Be a member in good standing of a veterinary medical association of another province or territory that is a signatory to any agreement under the Agreement on Internal Trade which is signed by the Association, and that mandates registration of such applicant in Nova Scotia.
2. Not be subject to a disciplinary finding that prohibits the applicant from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine,
3. Have completed the examinations approved by council, including an examination demonstrating knowledge of the Act, regulations and by-laws.
4. Be competent and of such character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, and
5. If your first language is other than English, have passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language or another test that Council determines, with a score determined by Council.
3. Undertake to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in a professional and becoming manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, regulations, by-laws and any code of ethics adopted by the Association.
4. Provide such information as the Registrar requires to establish that the facility or facilities in or from which the member intends to practice are accredited facilities.

**Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association
Application for Membership – 2010 New Graduates**

Instructions:

1. Complete all sections in type or print.
2. Enclose cheque or money order (Canadian funds) for the appropriate fees with the application.
3. Send completed application form and cheque to:
The Registrar, Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association, 15 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2M9

I hereby make application for registration as: **(Please check one)**

() General Practice License; () Non-Practicing license; () Temporary license

Full Name

Permanent Address

Street

City

Province

Country

Postal code

Telephone #

E-mail address

Work Information

Name of Hospital

Street

City

Province

Postal code

Telephone #

E-mail address

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. My citizenship is _____

2. I graduated (or am about to graduate) with a degree in Veterinary Medicine from:

University or College

Year

Degree

3. I have obtained the following other degrees

University or College

Year

Degree

University or College

Year

Degree

4. I agree, if accepted and while so registered, to act in a professional and becoming manner, in accordance with the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Act, Regulations, Bylaws and Associated Annex, together with

the Code of Ethics, and Standards of Practice of the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association.

- 5. I have / have never been denied a license to practice veterinary medicine nor has my right to practice been suspended or revoked by any veterinary licensing body (including NSVMA).
- 6. I do / do not have any unresolved complaints registered against me and am not currently under investigation by a veterinary licensing body.
- 7. I do / do not have any disciplinary findings against me.
- 8. I have / have never been convicted of any offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or the controlled Drugs & Substances Act (Canada), for which a pardon has not been granted, or convicted of any offence that is inconsistent with the proper professional behavior expected of a veterinarian.
- 9. The facility in which I intend to practice is an accredited facility.

Place of employment _____

Date of employment _____

- 10. I am licensed or was previously licensed and eligible to practice veterinary medicine in the following jurisdictions (including the NSVMA). **(Letter(s) of good standing from jurisdictions listed below should be forwarded to the NSVMA.) (Use the back of the page if additional space is required.)**

Jurisdiction	From	To

- 11. Professional activity if application accepted: (check one)

- 1 Small Animal
- 2 Large Animal
- 3 Equine
- 4 Mixed Practice
- 5 Government (any level)
- 6 Teaching
- 7 Research
- 8 Commercial
- 9 Other (includes retired)

- 12. I authorize the Registrar of the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association to make those inquiries that he/she deems relevant to my application for membership and I further authorize those agencies and bodies holding such information to provide them upon request by the Registrar of the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association

Signature of Applicant

Date