

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
VETERINARY LICENSE RENEWAL**

1. **YOUR CURRENT VETERINARY LICENSE EXPIRES AUGUST 1, 2009.** Enclosed is an envelope to send your payment for Mississippi Veterinary Medical License renewal.
2. If the pre-printed information is incorrect, mark it out and clearly PRINT the new information. Please add a current e-mail address for Board use only.
3. **RENEWAL FEE - \$150.00.**
4. If you do not wish to renew your license, please notify the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine before August 1, 2009.
5. If any holder of a license fails to renew his/her license by August 1, he/she shall be notified of the delinquency by letter addressed to the last known address of such person as recorded with the Board and if the renewal is not executed within thirty (30) calendar days from the mailing of such notice, then the license of such person shall by operation of law automatically expire and become void without further action of the Board.
6. **Failure to renew your license will result in a reinstatement fee of \$500.**
7. **CONTINUING EDUCATION** - A total of fifteen (15) continuing education hours is required. It is your responsibility to keep up with CE certificates and send them to our office only at the time of license renewal.
8. **All fees are non-refundable.**
9. Any licensed veterinarian who is 65 years or older and who is employed as a veterinarian on a part time basis may be exempt from the payment of such annual renewal fees. (You must notify the board, in writing, if you choose this option.)
10. The payment of the annual license renewal fee shall be optional for all veterinarians seventy (70) years and older.

If you have any questions, call the board office (662) 324-9380.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The continuing education requirement in Mississippi was established with the goal of ensuring that the public receive the best possible care from the veterinary community. The Board attempts to achieve this goal by requiring those persons who are licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Mississippi to remain current in subjects related to the clinical practice of the profession.

Veterinarians are required to earn **fifteen (15) hours** of continuing education for renewal of their 2009 license. **These hours MUST have been earned from August 1, 2008 to August 1, 2009.**

Veterinarians who graduated in 2008 must pay a license fee of \$150, but will not be required to show proof of continuing education.

You may earn continuing education hours by:

1. Attending meetings such as a state association meeting, local association meeting, etc. that is recognized by the board
2. Distance Education Initiative sponsored by MSU College of Veterinary Medicine
3. Post graduate study at an institution of higher learning
4. Ten credits from contact learning experiences are required. Five credits may be earned through any RACE approved program.

PROOF OF ATTENDANCE

Proof of attendance at a continuing education meeting is required to renew your license.

The proof of attendance should consist of an attendance certificate from the sponsoring organization listing the name of the conference/program, the actual number of hours personally attended, the date(s) of the program, and your name.

You must submit proof of CE to our office.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS

The board shall have the authority to excuse licensees, as a group or an individual, from the annual education requirements and/or license renewal fees in any of the following instances:

1. When no education program meeting the requirements approved by the board is conducted within the state.
2. The submission of an affidavit to the board evidencing that the licensee, for good cause assigned, was prevented from attending an educational program at the proper time.
3. In the event of sickness or an unusual emergency
4. Persons who have reached the age of 70 or over
5. For other good and sufficient reason

In order to be excused for any of the above reasons, you must submit a letter to the board before August 1, 2009.

June 1, 2009

TO: Mississippi Licensed Veterinarians
FROM: The Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine

As many of you know the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives passed a bill in the 2009 Legislative Session to require the registration of persons who manufacture, distribute or dispense any controlled substance within this state. The Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine will register you as you renew your license for 2009-2010. (There will be no additional fee for this.)

Below are the sections of the bill that apply to veterinarians.

SENATE BILL NO. 2799

(a) Every person who manufactures, distributes or dispenses any controlled substance within this state, or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of any controlled substance within this state, must obtain a registration issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine, as appropriate, in accordance with its rules and the law of this state. Such registration shall be obtained annually or biennially, as specified by the issuing board, and a reasonable fee may be charged by the issuing board for such registration.

(b) Persons registered by the State Board of Pharmacy, with the consent of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine to manufacture, distribute, dispense or conduct research with controlled substances may possess, manufacture, distribute, dispense or conduct research with those substances to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this article.

On the reverse side of this page is the form you will need to complete to become "Registered." Your license will not be renewed until this form is completed and returned to the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine office along with the usual license renewal information.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CLINIC NAME: _____

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I HAVE A DEA REGISTRATION

**I MANUFACTURE, DISPENSE, OR DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES IN MY PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**I DO NOT MANUFACTURE, DISPENSE, OR DISTRIBUTE
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN MY PRACTICE OF VETERINARY
MEDICINE**

SIGNATURE