

# Veterinary Medical Board Update - August 2020

Welcome to a monthly update from the Veterinary Medical Board (Board). Please visit the Board's website at [www.vmb.ca.gov](http://www.vmb.ca.gov) for more information.

## RECENT NEWS:

- On July 1, 2020, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) issued [DCA-20-27 Waiver Extending DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 Continuing Education](#), which temporarily waives renewal requirements for individuals whose active licenses expire between July 1, 2020, and August 31, 2020.
- On [July 2, 2020](#), the Board met via teleconference and took the following actions: discussed 2019-2020 Legislation; took an Oppose, Unless Amended Position on [Assembly Bill 2028](#); took an Oppose, Unless Amended Position on [Senate Bill 1347](#); and held two petition hearings.
- On July 17, 2020, two of the Board's regulatory proposals were [published](#) with the Office of Administrative Law, initiating the 45-day public comment periods. The proposals pertain to: Drug Compounding; and the Board's revised Disciplinary Guidelines.
- On [July 22, 2020](#), the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) met via teleconference and conducted the following business: discussed the future work of the Complaint Process Audit Subcommittee; discussed actions and considerations with regard to a possible tiered fee structure for premises registrations; elected Kristi Pawlowski, RVT as Chair of the MDC; elected Kevin Lazarcheff, DVM as Vice-Chair of the MDC; and discussed future agenda items.
- On [July 23-24, 2020](#), the Board met via teleconference and took the following actions: re-appointed Leah Shufelt, RVT to the MDC; appointed Jamie Peyton, DVM to the MDC; discussed 2019-2020 Legislation; approved proposed modified text for the [RVT Job Tasks](#) regulatory proposal; approved proposed modified text for the [RVT Education](#) regulatory proposal; approved a regulatory proposal regarding [Application After Failing an Examination](#); approved a Section 100 regulatory proposal to repeal [CCR section 2068.7](#); and held two petition hearings.

## COMING UP:

- On [August 13, 2020](#), the Board will meet again via teleconference and hold a [public hearing](#) on the proposed adoption of CCR section 2038.5 related to Animal Physical Rehabilitation.
- The MDC's next scheduled [meeting](#) is October 21, 2020.
- The Board's next quarterly [meeting](#) is scheduled for October 22-23, 2020.

## TELEMEDICINE TREATMENT AND PRESCRIPTION REFILL AUTHORITY:

This [60-day waiver extension order](#) extends DCA's [June 4, 2020, waiver order](#) relating to veterinarian use of telemedicine and refilling veterinary prescriptions.

The original June 4 waiver order accomplished the following:

- Authorized veterinarians to diagnose and treat animal medical conditions via telemedicine in cases where a veterinarian-client-patient relationship was previously established; and
- For prescriptions needing to be refilled between June 1 and August 1, it extended by six months the maximum period within which a prescription may be refilled without an in-person examination of the animal.

The waiver extension order is identical to the original order, except that it would extend the telemedicine portion of the order by 60 additional days from the date of the extended order, and it would extend by six months (from 12 to 18 months) the maximum period within which a prescription needing to be refilled between August 2 and October 1, 2020, could be refilled without an in-person examination of the animal.

## FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING WAIVER EXTENSION:

This [60-day waiver extension order](#) extends DCA's [June 4, 2020, waiver order](#) relating to the requirement that applicants who are already licensed in another state and seeking California licensure from the Board, and temporary licensees, complete a "face-to-face" training class in California in order to qualify for licensure.

The original June 4 waiver order removed the requirement that training for license applicants that are already licensed out-of-state, and temporary licensees, must be conducted "face-to-face" in California, so that the training may be conducted via appropriate electronic means.

The current order expires on August 3, 2020. The extension order extends the prior order by 60 days, to October 2, 2020.

## INSPECTION UPDATES/REMINDERS:

- As our inspectors continue to inspect facilities, not only do they take proper safety precautions to protect themselves, they also help educate licensees about the Governor's mask mandate and encourage physical distancing.
- Are your controlled drug logs compliant? The Board provides a template Drug Dispensation Log on its [website](#) that may be used to ensure compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements. The Board does not mandate the use of its template log, as such, licensees are able to use whatever logs they choose. However, the logs must contain the required elements to be compliant with statutory requirements.

#### **ATTENTION ALL MANAGING LICENSEES:**

- The Board is conducting a survey to get a better understanding of the size of veterinary premises in the state based on the number of veterinary professionals working at or for the veterinary premises. As the Licensee Manager of a registered veterinary premises, your participation in the survey is very important for us to get an accurate picture of the profession.

If you have not already completed the brief survey, please do so by clicking [here](#).

#### **YOUR INPUT IS VALUABLE**

- Have you recently had contact with our licensing, enforcement or inspections teams? We want to hear from you. Please let us know how we're doing by completing the surveys:

[Licensing Survey](#)  
[Enforcement Survey](#)  
[Inspections Survey](#)