

**Chapter 68. Board of Veterinary Examiners.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 68.015(c) is amended to read:

(c) The state written examination is an open book examination. The examination and study materials will be mailed **or provided electronically** directly to each applicant. Completed examinations must be returned to the department within 30 days after mailing **or provided electronically**, as shown by the postmark **or electronic** dates. The passing score on the state written examination required by (b) of this section is 90 percent or above. (Eff. 9/2/2001, Register 159; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 1/14/2007, Register 181; am \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.165 AS 08.98.180

12 AAC 68.045(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) a notarized copy of the applicant's veterinary school diploma **showing graduation from an accredited veterinary school, or official transcripts from an accredited veterinary school, or official records showing completion of the Educational** [EDUCATION] Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates **certification process required by AS 08.98.165(a)(1)** [CERTIFICATE]; and (Eff. 10/21/92, Register 124; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 5/30/2015, Register 214; am \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.080 AS 08.98.180

12 AAC 68.046(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) a notarized copy of **the applicant's veterinary school** [A] diploma showing graduation from an accredited veterinary school, **or official transcripts from an accredited veterinary school**, or official records showing completion of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification process required by AS 08.98.165(a)(1); **and** (Eff. 1/1/2000, Register 152; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.186

12 AAC 68 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**12 AAC 68.075. Veterinary-client-patient relationship.** (a) A veterinary-client-patient relationship means a veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgment and providing medical treatment to an animal, and the client, owner, or other caretaker of the animal has consented to treatment and agrees to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; an animal is defined in AS 08.98.250 and includes a group of agricultural animals or bees.

(b) The veterinarian providing medical treatment to an animal must

(1) have sufficient knowledge of the animal to provide a general or preliminary diagnoses of the medical condition;

(2) have examined the animal either physically or by means of telemedicine services, or has become familiar with the care and keeping of the species of animal on the premises of the client, including other premises within the same operation or production system of the client, through medical appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept; and

(3) be available to provide follow-up care.

(c) A veterinarian under this section may be another veterinarian within the group in which the veterinarian practices, or a veterinarian with whom the veterinarian has consulted. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.98.050

12 AAC 68.990 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(6) “telemedicine services” means the delivery of veterinary care by the use of electronic technology or media, including interactive audio or video, for the purpose of diagnosing or treating an animal or consulting with other veterinary care providers regarding an animal’s diagnoses or treatment; telemedicine services does not include an audio-only telephone, electronic mail message, facsimile transmission, or online questionnaire. (Eff. 4/10/88, Register 106; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 1/1/2000, Register 152; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.98.050