

DVM-New Graduate Member Guide

This guide is intended to help those graduating from an AVMA or CVMA accredited DVM program to apply to the MVMA for registration and licensure.

How to apply

To apply to the MVMA for registration and licensure, an applicant must apply using the current registration application form and submit all required documents. Current registration forms can be located on the MVMA website [here](#).

Frequently asked questions when completing the application form:

Box B - Which membership type should I apply for?

Information about membership types is available [here](#). Generally speaking:

- General Veterinarian Members are able to engage in any type of practice, including private practice.
- Public Veterinarian Members are solely able to practice as a veterinarian while employed by the provincial or federal government.
- Associate Veterinarian Members are registered with the MVMA, however they are **not** permitted to practice in Manitoba.

Box G - Which qualification should I indicate that I have?

New graduates of the AVMA and CVMA accredited schools should indicate that they meet the requirements in the second field “I hold a valid Certificate of Qualification from the CVMA National Examining Board”. While at the time of making the application you may not yet have been issued a Certificate of Qualification (more discussion the Certificate of Qualification will follow in a section below), this will be the category that new graduates will ultimately qualify under. Graduates of AVMA and CVMA accredited schools are required to obtain a Certificate of Qualification prior to being licensed. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the MVMA office.

Box I - Am I required to report student registrations that I had in other jurisdictions?

Yes, applicants are required to provide information and accompanying letters of standing from each jurisdiction in which they have been registered to practice either as a student member or as a fully licensed member. Please note that letters of standing are required to be sent directly by the issuing institution. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the MVMA office.

Box J - What information am I required to provide for insurance?

If you already carry private professional liability insurance or you have already arranged for employment upon graduation, please provide the policy carrier, policy number, and expiry date of the professional liability insurance that you will be covered under. If you have not yet secured employment or if you're not currently covered by a professional liability insurance policy, please note that we are able to issue you registration and licensure if you agree to undertake to provide your professional liability insurance information within 60 days of being granted a license.

Box K - What Continuing Education information do I need to provide?

Under the [MVMA Veterinarian CE Policy](#), new graduates are not required to complete any Continuing Education in the first CE cycle following graduation. All applicants are required to make a declaration as to the number of CE credit hours they have accumulated in Box K even though the declaration made by the applicant will not affect their CE obligations on an ongoing basis.

Box L - How do I know if I'm currently a member of the CVMA?

All new graduates of AVMA and CVMA accredited schools are given a complimentary (free) membership by the CVMA upon their graduation. The MVMA will provide your information to the CVMA to claim this membership.

Box M - What happens if I answer in the affirmative to any of the questions located in box M?

If you answer in the affirmative (yes) to any of the questions located in box M please attach with your application all relevant information regarding the affirmative disclosure(s). Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the MVMA office.

Box N - What is a Diplomate?

A Diplomate has taken additional training and has been board certified in a specialty by the [ABVS](#).

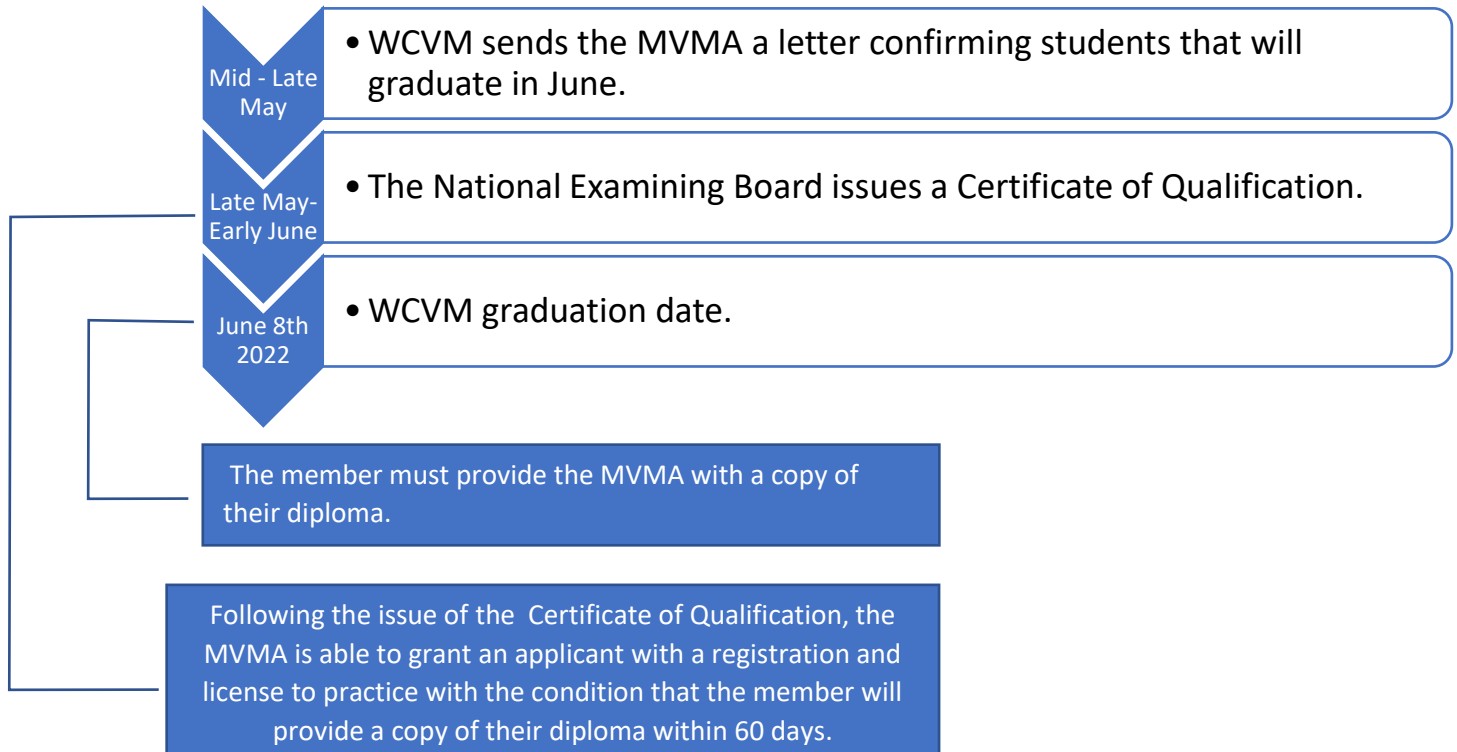
Documents that you're required to submit with your application:

- A copy of your government-issued photo ID (drivers licence or passport).
- If applicable, a letter of standing sent directly from the issuing jurisdiction(s).
- A copy of your diploma (see the timeline below for accepted placeholder alternatives).

Timing

The MVMA requires that your application be dated within six months of your registration and license being issued. The MVMA suggests that the DVM new graduate applicants submit their application between April and May of their year of graduation to ensure expedited registration and licensure.

Timeline



The Gap: What can you do while you are waiting to get your registration and license?

Student memberships expire one month after the student graduates from the AVMA or CVMA accredited DVM program. Prior to obtaining registration and licensure with the MVMA, student members are able to continue practicing under their student membership.

Please note that each time a Student Veterinarian Member works, volunteers or otherwise provides veterinary service through a PIPS Inspected Practice (this includes veterinary clinics, hospitals, and ambulatory practices), the student must complete a [Veterinarian Student Practice Experience Notification Form](#).

Student veterinarian members can:

- In their final year of study, a student veterinarian member can practice under the *direct supervision* or *indirect supervision* of a veterinarian licensed in Manitoba.

“*Direct supervision*” means the direction by a licensed member of another individual who is performing a veterinary medical procedure, where the licensed member is on the premises at which the procedure is being performed;

“*Indirect supervision*” means the direction by a licensed member of another individual who is performing a veterinary medical procedure, where the licensed member need not be on the premises at which the procedure is being performed but must be at least available to receive and respond to any communications from that individual in a manner and with timeliness that are reasonable given the nature and the circumstances of the procedure;

Student members can **NOT**:

- Establish a VCPR with a client. Please note that only a practicing veterinarian member can establish a VCPR with a client.
- Prescribe prescription drugs. Please note that a practicing veterinarian member will need to prescribe any drugs to a client.
- Open a PIPS inspected clinic. Please note that student members are not eligible to open a clinic.
- Become a shareholder in a Veterinary Corporation. Please note that only licensed veterinarian members are entitled to hold shares in a Veterinary Corporation.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the MVMA at mvmainfo@mvma.ca.