

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6506, 6507, and 6704 of the New York Education Law.

1. Section 52.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is REPEALED, and a new section 52.11 is added to read as follows:

52.11. Veterinary Medicine

The prerequisite and professional study leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree shall meet accreditation standards from an acceptable accrediting organization as defined in subdivision (a) of section 62.1 of this Subchapter.

2. Section 62.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is REPEALED, and new section 62.1 is added to read as follows:

62.1. Professional Study of Veterinary Medicine

(a) As used in this section, acceptable accrediting organization shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation of veterinary medical programs at the post-secondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation or approval in a fair, consistent, and non-discriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for these purposes by the United States Department of Education.

(b) To meet the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of either:

(1) a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine from a professional veterinary medical education program registered by the department or accredited by an acceptable accrediting organization; or

(2) a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine, or the equivalent as determined by the department, and completion of combined prerequisite and professional study that the department determines to be comparable to a registered or accredited program.