



# 2025

## Supplementary Data Report

**Public confidence** in veterinary regulation.

## Important Notes for this Report

This report supplements the College of Veterinarians of Ontario's 2025 Annual Report and is intended to provide a transparent view of the trends over the past five years for a number of data points collected and publicly reported by the College.

It should also be noted that this report follows the College's fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

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# Licensure

## Licences Issued

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Licences	5,247	5,386	5,544	5,720	<b>5,896</b>
Rate of attrition	2.90%	2.90%	3%	3%	<b>3%</b>

## Licences Issued by Gender

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Women	3,273	3,376	3,503	3,642	<b>3,778</b>
Men	1,974	1,998	2,030	2,062	<b>2,101</b>
Nonbinary individuals	N/A	4	5	9	<b>9</b>
Gender not declared	N/A	8	6	7	<b>8</b>

## Internationally Educated Veterinarians

Licences issued to veterinarians educated outside of Canada and the United States.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Licences issued	1,291	1,411	1,538	1,672	<b>1,824</b>

## Licences Issued by Type

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
General licences	4,997	5,137	5,243	5,386	<b>5,560</b>
Restricted licences	163	161	217	249	<b>253</b>
Academic licences	14	14	15	17	<b>13</b>
Postgraduate & resident licences	45	47	43	43	<b>50</b>
Educational licences	12	11	12	10	<b>9</b>
Public service licences	16	16	14	15	<b>11</b>

### Applications Reviewed by the Registration Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	<b>2025</b>
Applications	255	237	283	335	<b>302</b>
Graduand specific applications	125	120	119	117	<b>117</b>

### Appeals to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board

	2021	2022	2023	2024	<b>2025</b>
Appeals	0	1	0	0	<b>0</b>

### Licensed Members Places of Work

	2021	2022	2023	2024	<b>2025</b>
Private practice	4,193	4,322	4,478	4,593	<b>4,761</b>
Industry	97	103	104	103	<b>116</b>
University/educational institutions	278	270	263	263	<b>262</b>
Federal Government	219	234	235	244	<b>234</b>
Provincial Government	26	30	25	29	<b>27</b>
Municipal Government	8	7	9	11	<b>7</b>
Other workplaces	101	112	106	138	<b>151</b>
Inactive	325	308	324	339	<b>338</b>

### Certified Specialists

	2021	2022	2023	2024	<b>2025</b>
Certified specialists	317	324	331	354	<b>368</b>

## Top Five Specialties in Ontario

2023	<p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons - Small Animal (39 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Small Animal (34 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists – Anatomic Pathology (30 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (18 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care – Emergency and Critical Care (17 specialists)</p>
2024	<p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons - Small Animal (41 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Small Animal (35 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists – Anatomic Pathology (28 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (20 specialists)</p> <p>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care – Emergency and Critical Care (20 specialists)</p>
2025	<p><b>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons - Small Animal (45 specialists)</b></p> <p><b>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Small Animal (36 specialists)</b></p> <p><b>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists – Anatomic Pathology (27 specialists)</b></p> <p><b>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (21 specialists)</b></p> <p><b>Certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care – Emergency and Critical Care (20 specialists)</b></p>

# Accreditation

## Accreditation Facilities/Practices and Inspections

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Accredited facilities	2,405	2,378	2,431	1,760*	<b>1,798*</b>
Inspections	307	879	549	354	<b>358</b>
Requests for exemptions	48	56	41	3	<b>N/A</b>

\*With the current facility accreditation model, the lower number reflects that some accredited facilities include a mobile or multiple mobiles as an additional service, rather than a separate accredited facility.

## Appeals to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appeals	0	0	0	1	<b>0</b>

# Investigations and Hearings

## New Complaints Received by the College

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Complaints filed	N/A	326	208	176	<b>199</b>

## Mediated Resolutions Program

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Successful mediations	2	1	3	4	<b>4</b>

## Matters Dealt with by the Complaints Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Complaints reviewed	170	216	241	169	<b>190</b>
Veterinarians involved	211	273	282	206	<b>230</b>

## Complaints Committee Decisions

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Received written or verbal advice or completed an undertaking	63	56	82	86	<b>74</b>
Referred to Discipline Committee	5	4	6	4	<b>2</b>
Frivolous and vexatious	5	12	20	3	<b>5</b>
Withdrawn	7	13	15	6	<b>8</b>
No concerns	110	172	166	114	<b>136</b>

## Appeals of Complaints Committee Decisions to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board (HPARB)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New appeals (ongoing)	11	20	8	8	<b>11</b>
Withdrawn prior to HPARB review	0	3	1	1	<b>3</b>
Appealed cases confirmed	6	12	18	7	<b>3</b>
Appealed cases returned	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Appealed cases dismissed by HPARB	1	1	3	0	<b>0</b>

## Matters Dealt with by the Discipline Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Days of hearings	17	16.5	28	27	<b>16</b>
Number of veterinarians	10	9	7	7	<b>11</b>
Cases heard	14	7	8	8	<b>11</b>
Pre-hearing conferences	7	6	6	9	<b>8</b>

## Outcomes of Cases Before the Discipline Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contested	3	5	7	4	<b>3</b>
Uncontested	0	1	1	1	<b>5</b>
Waiting to be heard by Discipline Committee	10	2	15	12	<b>12</b>
Adjourned sine die	2	0	0	2	<b>0</b>
Motion hearings	2	0	1	2	<b>2</b>



## Appeals of Discipline Committee Decisions

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appeals	4	6	3	4	6

## Executive Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Registrar's investigations	17	12	18	12	14
Claims of unauthorized practice investigated	11	8	9	17	22

## Outcomes of Matters Dealt with by the Executive Committee

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Letters of advice, caution, no further action	11	6	6	10	6
Mutual acknowledgment and undertakings	2	2	4	2	1
Referral to Discipline Committee	0	1	3	2	2
Notice of intention to appoint board of inquiry	2	3	3	0	1

## Professional Corporations

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New professional corporations	141	128	114	82	207
Active professional corporations	1,583	1,559	1,614	1,604	1,747

## Quality Practice

### Average Number of Hours Continuing Professional Development

	2022	2023	2024
All licensed members	98	95	95
Graduated in last five years	84	79	75
In clinical practice	93	91	91
In non-clinical practice	131	124	122

## Peer Advisory Conversation

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Veterinarians participated	N/A	6	3	6	14

## Practice Advisory Service

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Requests for service	1,822	1,815	1,813	1,915	1,772

## Top Three Practice Advisory Question Topics Asked by Members of the Public

2023	2024	2025
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prescribing</li> <li>2. Business and Management Practices</li> <li>3. Other *</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After-Hours Care</li> <li>2. Business and Management Practices</li> <li>3. Prescribing</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Business and Management Practices</b></li> <li>2. <b>Prescribing</b></li> <li>3. <b>Clinical Practice</b></li> </ol>

\*Includes various emerging topics

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