



Supplementary Data Report

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Important Notes for this Report

This report supplements the College of Veterinarians of Ontario's 2022 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 College's fiscal year, which runs from September 30, 2021 to October 1, 2022.



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Licensure

Licences Issued

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total licences issued	4,878	5,013	5,124	5,247	5,386
Rate of attrition	2.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%

Licences Issued by Gender

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licences issued to females	2,938	3,059	3,169	3,273	3,376
Licences issued to males	1,940	1,954	1,955	1,974	1,998
Licences issued to nonbinary individuals	Not reported				4
Licences issued to individuals who preferred not to declare their gender	Not reported				8

Internationally Educated Veterinarians

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licences issued	1,008	1,108	1,183	1,291	1,411

Licences Issued by Type

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
General licences issued	4,711	4,833	4,926	4,997	5,137
Restricted licences issued	80	101	116	163	161
Academic licences issued	18	18	15	14	14
Postgraduate and resident licences issued	41	44	41	45	47
Educational licences issued	12	13	11	12	11
Public service licences issued	15	14	15	16	16

Applications Reviewed by the Registration Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total applications reviewed by the Registration Committee	168	200	207	255	237
Graduand specific applications reviewed by the Registration Committee	120	121	124	125	120
Appeals to the HPARB	0	0	0	0	1

Licensed Members Places of Work

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Private practice	3,824	3,857	4,193	4,193	4,322
Industry	310	373	156	97	103
University or other educational institutions	266	229	297	278	270
Federal Government	241	244	240	219	234
Provincial Government	26	32	27	26	30
Municipal Government	10	14	7	8	7
Other workplaces	201	264	191	101	112
Inactive	Not reported	Not reported	13	325	308

Certified Specialists

Total specialists followed by the top five specialties in the province.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of certified specialists in Ontario	301	301	302	317	324
Certified by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists	43	45	42	43	44
Certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons Small Animal	38	35	35	37	37
Certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Small Animal	34	34	33	31	33
Certified by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians	20	20	20	18	17
Certified by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia	14	15	16	16	15



Accreditation

Accredited Facilities and Inspections

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Accredited facilities	2,344	2,371	2,388	2,405	2,378
Inspections	495	431	550	307	879
Requests for exemptions	34	38	46	48	56

Appeals to Health Professions Appeal and Review Board

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appeals	0	0	1	0	0

Most Common Deficiencies Noted in the Accreditation Process

2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of evidence of a weekly audit of controlled drug inventory. Lack of proper labels on secondary drug storage containers containing the name, strength, lot number and expiry date of the drug The facility does not contain material for positive contrast gastrointestinal radiography.
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of evidence of a weekly audit of controlled drug inventory. Lack of proper labels on secondary drug storage containers containing the name, strength, lot number and expiry date of the drug. Lack of material in the facility for positive contrast gastrointestinal radiography.
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of evidence of a weekly audit of controlled drug inventory. Lack of proper labels on secondary drug storage containers containing the name, strength, lot number and expiry date of the drug. Fees and charges, showing separately those for drugs and those for advice or other services included in the records.

Investigations and Hearings

Matters Dealt with by the Complaints Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Complaints reviewed	236	202	194	170	216
Number of veterinarians involved	245	258	253	211	273

Complaints Committee Decisions

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Received written or verbal advice or completed an undertaking	92	79	92	63	56
Referred to Discipline Committee	7	7	6	5	4
Frivolous and vexatious	17	5	0	5	12
Withdrawn	11	7	3	7	13
No concerns	153	148	120	110	172

Appeals of Complaints Committee Decisions

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New appeals (ongoing)	18	12	11	11	20
Withdrawn prior to HPARB review	2	2	0	0	3
Appealed cases confirmed	16	10	9	6	12
Appealed cases returned	1	2	1	0	0
Appealed cases dismissed by HPARB	0	3	1	1	1

Matters Dealt with by the Discipline Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Days of hearings	21	22	30	17	16.5
Number of veterinarians	7	13	12	10	9
Cases heard	0	11	14	14	7
Pre-hearing conferences	6	12	10	7	6

Outcomes of Cases Before the Discipline Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agreements	2	7	6	4	2
Contested	5	4	5	3	5
Uncontested	0	0	0	0	1
Waiting to be heard by Discipline Committee	12	3	3	10	2
Adjourned sine die	0	2	1	2	0
Motion hearings	0	0	2	2	0

Appeals of Discipline Committee Decisions

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appeals	6	7	4	6

Matters Dealt with by the Executive Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Registrar's investigations	7	8	13	17	12
Claims of unauthorized practice investigated	14	12	8	11	8

Outcomes of Matters Dealt with by the Executive Committee

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Letters of advice, caution, no further action	41	44	28	11	6
Mutual acknowledgment and undertakings	6	4	4	2	2
Referral to Discipline Committee	5	0	6	0	1
Notice of intention to appoint board of inquiry	0	4	0	2	3

Mediated Resolutions Program

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of successful mediations	1	0	0	2	1

Professional Corporations

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Professional Corporations	68	124	88	141	128
Active Professional Corporations	1,472	1,534	1,552	1,583	1,559

Quality Practice

Continuing Professional Development

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
All licensed members (average number of hours reported)	142	111	105	98	102
Graduated in last 5 years	117	97	87	80	91
In clinical practice	128	102	99	95	98
In non-clinical practice	201	201	130	110	115

Peer Advisory Conversation

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Veterinarians participated	18	24	Put on hold due to COVID-19.	N/A - Launched late 2021	6

Practice Advisory Service

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Requests for practice advisory service	1,650	1,840	1,878	1,822	1,815

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

2020	2021	2022
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 2. Referred to appropriate contact 1. Clinical practice and standards of care 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 2. Clinical practice and standards of care 3. Business and management practices 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints 2. Business and Management Practices 3. Prescribing

Top Three Practice Advisory Question Topics Asked by Members of the Profession

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