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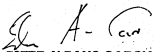
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NATIONAL VETERINARY ADMISSION TEST
(NVAT)**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and by virtue of CHED Resolution No. 252-2000 dated December 18, 2000, the attached Implementing Guidelines are hereby adopted for the efficient and smooth administration of the National Veterinary Admission Test (NVAT).

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and for the purpose of rationalizing veterinary education in the country, the following guidelines for the National Veterinary Admission Test are hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission, thus:

I. THE NATIONAL VETERINARY ADMISSION TEST

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Statement of Policy

Section 8(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1994 provides that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) set minimum standards for programs and institutions of higher learning. It is, therefore, the policy of the Commission to promote quality and excellence in higher education by setting minimum standards. Thus, upon the recommendation of the Technical Panel for Agriculture Education-Committee on Veterinary Education based on CVM TPAE Resolution No. 3 Series of 1997, CHED through CHED Memorandum Order Number 20, Series of 1998 required NVAT as a prerequisite for admission in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) professional program.

1.1.2 Definition of the National Veterinary Admission Test

The National Veterinary Admission Test (NVAT) is an examination given to all incoming students to the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) proper or professional program in accredited veterinary colleges. This is given in addition to the college admission requirements stipulated in the CHED minimum standards for DVM program.

1.1.3 Objective

NVAT aims to improve the quality of DVM graduates by upgrading the selection process for admission in veterinary colleges.

1.2 Brief Description of the Test

1.2.1 Administration

The NVAT will be administered by CHED through the Office of Programs and Standards (OPS) and the Technical Panel for Agriculture Education-Committee on Veterinary Education (TPAE-CVE). The CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) will serve as field offices wherein NVAT Application Form, Identification Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled can be obtained.

1.2.4 Scope and Content of the Examination

The NVAT is comprised of four (4) subtests as follows:

1. Verbal Ability

This subtest consists of two types of test items namely: vocabulary which measures the skills in using words pertaining to biology, chemistry, physics and general information; and reading comprehension which measures skills in comprehending the main idea, making inferences and generalization, interpreting information, differentiating fact and opinion, predicting outcome, evaluating an idea and perceiving relationships.

2. Math

This subtest consists of three types of test items namely, conceptual understanding, procedural knowledge and problem solving. All three measure the skills in numbers and operation, measurement, geometry, data analysis and statistical probability and algebra and functions.

3. Science

This subtest consist of five types of test items namely: knowledge of specific facts; understanding of basic concepts and principles; skills in observing and describing objects; skills in making inference from observation; and skills in experimenting/problem solving. All five measure the knowledge in botany, chemistry, zoology and physics.

4. Perceptual Ability

This subtest measures the ability to visualize and judge the size, shape and position of a figure as it relates to the space in a bigger figure from which it was removed. This is made through pattern recognition and matching parts and figures.

2. GENERAL INSTRUCTION FOR REGISTRATION

NVAT Application Form, Identification Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled can be obtained from the CHED Regional Offices. The instructions on how to fill up and how to submit are given below and in the next pages. It is very important that the steps are followed strictly. All information asked for in the forms, as indicated by blanks and boxes, should be supplied correctly and legibly by the applicant to facilitate encoding and processing.

2.1 Filling up the Forms

2.1.1 The NVAT Application Form

The NVAT Application Form contains the application number and some general information about the applicant at the upper portion of the form and the student's picture and identification certification at the lower right. The applicant submits this form to CHED together with the Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled. The Application Form should be filled up in the following manner:

2.1.1.1 General Information

1. With pen or a typewriter, fill in the row of boxes provided for the family name, first name and middle name in capital letters. Use one box for each letter. Please note that the full middle name is required instead of middle initial only.

Illustration:

NAME

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Family name *First name* *Middle name.*

2. Print complete mailing address with Zip Code clearly and accurately. This is the address where CHED will mail the Admission Slip (AS) and Examinee Report (ER). This should be given accurately in order to avoid delay in receiving the said forms.

Illustration:

MAILING ADDRESS : # 3 Mt. Apo St., Batong Malake ZIP CODE 4030
Los Baños, Laguna

3. After filling the space for home address, indicate the province on the space provided.

Illustration:

HOME ADDRESS : 33 Zamora Street Province: BATANGAS
Lipa City

4. Write the corresponding answers to boxes provide for Sex, Age and Civil Status.

Illustration:

SEX

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 AGE

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 CIVIL STATUS

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1. Male 1. Single 3. Widowed
2. Female 2. Married 4. Separated

5. In the boxes for Testing Center Code, write the number of the test center code where NVAT will be taken. Indicated test centers should be the same in all forms

filled up. Examinees should take NVAT at the specific Test Center chosen. Students are warned not to switch test center sites as their booklets will be sent to the site indicated in their application form

6. Write the name and address of the college where currently studying (or graduated) on the space provided. Fill in the box provided for the Type of College with the appropriate number.

Illustration:

COLLEGE WHERE

STUDYING/GRADUATED: University of the Philippines at Los Baños

COLLEGE ADDRESS: Los Baños, Laguna

TYPE OF COLLEGE: 1

1. Public 2. Private

7. For college graduates, write the degree obtained and fill in the box provided for Year Graduated as shown below:

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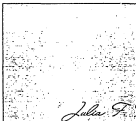
DEGREE OBTAINED: BS in Biology

YEAR GRADUATED:

8. For those who have taken NVAT previously (repeaters), the dates of NVAT taken should be properly indicated in the space provided.

2.1.1.2 Picture and Identification Certification

On the lower right portion of the application form, attached a recent colored photo (2" x 2") on the space provided. The signature of the head of the school (dean or any authorized official of the college) where currently studying or graduated must be affixed on the lower front portion extending beyond the edges of the attached photo as shown below. The signature must be indelible on photographic paper.



I hereby Certify that the person in the above picture is one and the same as the applicant who is studying/graduated from this institution and whose signature appears on this page.

Dr. Julia F. Tolentino

Printed Name of School Head

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

Designation of School Head

M. Enriquez

Signature of Applicant

2.1.2 The NVAT Identification Form

The NVAT Identification Form is, in effect, the duplicate copy of the NVAT Application Form minus the general information. It should be accomplished in the same manner as the picture and identification certification portion of the NVAT Application Form, and should contain the same picture. The NVAT Identification Form is the examinee's copy which he/she must present on the day of the test as an I.D. Discrepancies between this form and NVAT Application form (i.e. different pictures, signatures) may disqualify the examinee from taking the NVAT.

The CHEDRO detaches the first and second copies of this form. The first copy will be sent to OPS and the second copy will be kept for file.

2.1.3 The Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled

The Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled is a list of preparatory veterinary subjects required for the admission in the NVAT. It should be filled-up by the college secretary or university/college unit registrar and certified by the dean or university/college head. Affix college/university dry seal on the lower left portion of the form. The applicant submits this form to CHED together with the Application Form.

2.2 Payment of Test Fee and Submission of NVAT Application Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled.

2.2.1 The Application Form, Identification Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled can be obtained from the CHEDROs upon full payment of the specified NVAT test fee. The CHEDRO will issue an Official Receipt on the payment made.

2.2.2 The application period starts on November 10 of each year. All Application Forms and certified Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled must be submitted (received by the address on 2.2.3) on or before December 10 of each year. The exam will be administered on the 3rd week of January of each year. The date will be specified in the Application Form, Identification Form and Admission Slip.

2.2.3 Send the NVAT Application Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled (copy of Transcript of Records for those who are college graduates) to:

The Director IV
Office of Programs and Standards (OPS)
Attn: TPAE Secretariat
Commission on Higher Education
5th Floor, DAP Bldg., San Miguel Ave.,
Pasig City

Re: NVAT Application

2.2.4 The examinee should keep the NVAT Identification Form and the Official Receipt of NVAT test fee. This will be presented to the examiner at the test site on the day of the test, as announced.

2.2.5 The CHEDRO will send the list of applicants with corresponding Official Receipt Number of NVAT test fee to the OPS immediately after the deadline for submission of NVAT application form.

2.2.6 CHED through the OPS will send an Admission Slip to the applicant specifying the date and room assignment for the examination.

2.2.7 The NVAT is administered in the testing centers and on the date approved by CHED. Deadline for submission of NVAT Application Form and Checklist of

Subjects Completed/Enrolled is set by CHED. Applications filed after the deadline will no longer be accepted.

2.2.8 The NVAT testing fee for Filipino applicants are as follows: P 300.00 for year 2002, P 400.00 for year 2003 and P 500.00 for year 2004 and thereafter.

2.2.9 The NVAT testing fee for foreign applicants are as follows: US\$30.00 for year 2002, US\$40.00 for year 2003 and US\$50.00 for year 2004 and thereafter subject to the CHED's policy.

2.2.10 There will be no refund of test fees for applications made.

2.2.11 Failure of the applicant to take the test on the scheduled test date forfeits his/her NVAT application and test fee.

2.3 Deadline for Submission

All application forms and certified Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled must be received on or before December 10 of each year. CHED will make an official announcement for any change in deadline for submission.

3. INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DAY OF THE TEST

3.1 Only applicants who are properly identified and registered with CHED will be admitted to the test site.

3.2 Bring the following items to the test site:

- Admission slip
- NVAT Identification Form
- CHED Official Receipt of NVAT testing fee
(In case of loss, present any identification document to the examiner like Official school I.D., Driver's License., etc.)
- 2 Pencils (No. 2 or HB)
- 2 Erasers

3.3 The following items are not allowed in the testing room:

- Pens
- pencils with colored or liquid lead
- books
- dictionaries
- calculators
- slide rulers
- photographic devices
- cellular phones
- paging devices
- notes

- 3.4 Each section of the test has specific direction. All should become familiar with the direction before answering the questions.
- 3.5 Each part of the test has a time limit. The examiner will announce when to start and when to stop. Try to work fast but observe care and accuracy.
- 3.6 Some of the questions in the test are difficult than the others, but try to answer all. Begin with the easy questions first and go to the more difficult ones later. Scores will be based on the number of correct answers made. Correct answers will be credited only for correct answers marked in the proper places on the sheet. There is no deduction for a wrong response. It is therefore, encouraged to answer all the test questions.
- 3.7 No examinee is allowed to use note papers or write anything on the test booklet. Do not make unnecessary marks on the answer sheet. The examiner will provide scratch papers which will be collected immediately after the exam.
- 3.8 In case the NVAT cannot be administered on the date announced because of *force majeure* or other unavoidable circumstances, a postponement will be necessary and the test will be given a week after at the same time and place designated.
- 3.9 Cheating, in any form, will automatically invalidate the test result. An examinee found cheating will be dismissed from the testing room. His/Her answer sheet will not be processed and the test fee will be totally forfeited. He/she is disqualified to take another NVAT.
- 3.10 All test booklets, answer sheets and scratch papers must be returned to the examiner immediately after the examination.
- 3.11 An examinee who is found to be in possession of an NVAT test booklet before or after the test will be dealt with accordingly.

4. TEST SCORES AND RESULTS

4.1 Test Scores

- 4.1.1 The national cut-off score is 40% for the first three (3) years or up to year 2004. In the succeeding years the national cut-off score will be subject to the recommendation of the TP AE-CVE. Veterinary colleges should not accept students in the 1st year of the 4-year professional DVM course with NVAT score lower than the national cut-off score.
- 4.1.2 Graduates of DVM program as per CMO No.20, series of 1998 who failed in the NVAT will not be allowed to take the Veterinary Medicine Licensure Examination.

4.2 Test Results

- 4.2.1 NVAT result will be printed in the Examinee Report (ER) and the original copy of this form will be mailed within five (5) weeks after the test date. To safeguard the authenticity of the results, score will also appear in the master list of the test scores which will be sent to the CHEDRO and higher education institutions (HEIs) offering DVM program.
- 4.2.2 For verification of NVAT scores, the examinee may go to CHEDRO which will be provided a copy of the NVAT master-list of test results.
- 4.2.3 As a matter of policy, test results are given only to the examinee.
- 4.2.4 Written request by the examinee for a second copy of the ER may be filed at CHED two weeks after the release of the test results. A minimal retrieval fee is charged for every copy of the ER.
- 4.2.4 CHED will not entertain rechecking of NVAT answer sheets. The results contained in the NVAT master list are official.

5. REPEAL

All other CHED issuances that are inconsistent with these implementing guidelines are hereby repealed or modified.

6. EFFECTIVITY

These guidelines shall take effect upon approval by the Chairperson and Commissioners of the Commission on Higher Education through a resolution.

Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled
(This form should be certified by the dean or university/college head)

Name: _____
School: _____

Subjects Completed	Credit Unit	Grade	Sch. Yr. Taken
1. English (6 units)			
2. Filipino (3 units)			
3. Social Sciences (6 units)			
4. General Inorganic Chemistry (5 units)			
5. General Organic Chemistry (4 units)			
6. Biochemistry (5 units)			
7. Zoology (5 units)			
8. Botany (3 units)			
9. Mathematics (6 units)			
10. Computer Science (3 units)			
11. Philosophy (3 units)			
12. Physics (3 units)			
13. Electives (3 units)			

Subjects Currently Enrolled	No. of Units
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

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Prepared by:
Signature: _____
Name: _____
Position: _____
Date: _____

Certified by:
Signature: _____
Name: _____
Position: _____
Date: _____

NVAT Identification Form

Testing Date: January 17, 2002

Testing Center: _____

NVAT Application No. 2002-_____

NAME: _____

COLLEGE WHERE STUDYING/GRADUATED : _____

COLLEGE ADDRESS : _____

NOTE TO THE SCHOOL HEAD:

Please affix your signature on the lower front portion extending beyond the edges of the applicant's recent colored picture, attesting to the fact that the person getting your signature is the same person who will take the NVAT.



I hereby certify that the person in the above picture is one and the same as the applicant who is studying/graduated from this institution and whose signature appears on this page.

Printed Name of School Head

Signature of Applicant

Designation of School Head

After filling up this form, detach and present to the Examiner on the day of the test.

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Testing Date: January 17, 2002

Testing Center: _____

NVAT Application No. 2002-_____

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

First Copy

(To be sent to OPS by CHEDRO)

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Testing Date: January 17, 2002

Testing Center: _____

NVAT Application No. 2002-_____

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Second Copy

(CHEDRO's Copy)

