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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL
VETERINARY ADMISSION TEST (NVAT)

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. 241-2004, dated 31 May 2004, for the purpose of rationalizing veterinary education in the country, the following Implementing Guidelines for the National Veterinary Admission Test (NVAT) are hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission, thus:

1. 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. State Universities and Colleges (SUC) and Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEI) are enjoined to have a policy adopting NVAT through a university/college board/council resolution.

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 professional veterinary curriculum.

1.2 Brief Description of the Test

1.2.1 Administration

The NVAT will be administered initially by CHED through the Office of Programs and Standards (OPS) and the appropriate task force of the Technical Panel for Agriculture Education. CHED shall eventually transfer the administration of NVAT to a CHED-accredited testing body. Prospective applicants shall apply for NVAT in the veterinary school where they are enrolled (for pre-veterinary students) or have been admitted to enroll (for lateral entry students) in professional veterinary curriculum. The NVAT Application Form, Identification Form and Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled can be obtained and validated in their respective veterinary schools.

1.2.2 Date and Venue

The NVAT will be conducted only once a year on the first Saturday of April in five (5) selected test sites as follows:

1. Cebu State College of Science and Technology, R. Palma St.- MJ Cuenco Ave., Cebu City
2. Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
3. University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City
4. University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna
5. University of Southeastern Philippines, Obrero, Davao City

Applicants may take the examination in any of the test sites of his/her choice. CHED through the veterinary schools will make an official announcement for any change in date and venue of examination.

1.2.3 Requirements

Admission for the NVAT requires the completion of any of the following:

1. At least 51 units of preparatory veterinary subjects completed/currently enrolled as follows:

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Minimum Credits</u>
Communication Arts	9
Social Sciences	6
General Inorganic Chemistry	4
General Organic Chemistry	4
Biochemistry	3
Zoology	5
Botany	2
Mathematics	6
Computer Science	3
Philosophy	3

Physics
Electives*

3

3

51

* concepts and dynamics of management, principles of accounting, writing of scientific paper, agribusiness, sociology, statistics for biological sciences, animal ecology, animal welfare, introduction to molecular biology, principles of ecology and other courses consistent with the above and the mission and vision of the college. (CMO 37, s. 1998)

2. Baccalaureate degree holders and undergraduates in other courses having completed the above requirement may apply for NVAT provided they have conditional admission to a veterinary school.

1.2.4 Scope and Content of the Examination

The NVAT is composed 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 inference and generalization, interpreting information, differentiating fact and opinion, predicting outcome, evaluating an idea and perceiving relationships.

2. Mathematics

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 issued by OPS-CHED may be obtained from the veterinary school to which the students are enrolled (for pre-veterinary students) or are admitted to enroll (for lateral entry students). 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 general information about the applicant, picture, identification and certification at the lower right portion. The applicant submits this form together with the Checklist of Subjects Completed/Enrolled to OPS-CHED through his/her veterinary school of choice. Application forms do not have serial numbers printed and therefore can be photocopied. 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.

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NAME	E	N	R	I	Q	U	E	Z	M	A	R	L	O	N	F	L	O	R	E	S
	<i>Family name</i>								<i>First name</i>				<i>Middle name</i>							

2. Print complete mailing address with Zip Code clearly and accurately.

Illustration:

MAILING ADDRESS : # 3 Mt. Apo St., Umali Subd., 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 provided for Gender, Age and Civil Status.

Illustration:

GENDER

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AGE 18

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 center 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 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:

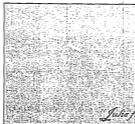
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DEGREE OBTAINED: BS in Biology

YEAR GRADUATED: 2 0 0 4

2.1.1.2 Picture and Identification Certification

On the lower right portion of the application form, attach a recent colored photo (2" x 2", white background) on the space provided. The signature of the head of the veterinary school (dean or any authorized official of the college) where the applicant is currently studying (for veterinary student) or has been probationally admitted (for lateral entry applicants) must be affixed on the lower right 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/has been conditionally admitted in 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

Marlon 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 a duplicate of 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.

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.

2.2 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 veterinary schools.

2.2.2 The application period is from January 10 to March 15 of each year. Applications filed after the deadline will no longer be accepted. The examination will be

administered on the 1st Saturday of April of each year. The date will be specified in the Application Form and Identification Form and Admission list.

- 2.2.3 Applicants should submit to the Office of the Dean, the NVAT application on or before March 15. The Office of the Dean or its equivalent office screens the applicants if he/she is qualified to take the NVAT.
- 2.2.4 The examinee should keep the certified NVAT Identification Form. This will be presented to the examiner at the test site on the day of the test, as announced.
- 2.2.5 The veterinary school shall ensure that the OPS-CHED receives the certified NVAT application forms and checklists of subjects completed/enrolled within five (5) working days after the deadline for submission of NVAT application form. CHED will make an official announcement for any change in deadline for submission.
- 2.2.6 CHED through the OPS will send an admission list to the veterinary school specifying the test center, date and room assignment for the examination at least two (2) working days before the examination.
- 2.2.7 The NVAT is administered in the testing centers and on the date approved by CHED.
- 2.2.8 Failure of the applicant to take the test on the scheduled test date forfeits his/her NVAT application

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:

- NVAT Identification Form
- Any of the following identification: school ID, PRC ID, Driver's License
(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
- slide rulers
- photographic devices
- cellular phones
- paging devices
- notes

- 3.4 Each section of the test has a specific direction or instruction. All should become familiar with the direction before answering the questions.
- 3.5 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 later 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.
- 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 50% (percentage score). Veterinary schools should not accept students in the 1st year of the 4-year professional DVM course with NVAT score lower than 40%. Students admitted with NVAT scores between 40%-49% shall be given probationary status and will be allowed to enroll at least 15 units of the required courses in the semester immediately following the NVAT. The probationary status of a student may be removed if he/she passed all the required courses.

The veterinary school shall notify OPS-CHED of the status of all probationary students at the end of the semester the student is on probation.

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 the concerned veterinary school. To safeguard the authenticity of the results, the test score will also appear in the master list which will be sent to the veterinary school offering the DVM program.
- 4.2.2 For verification of NVAT scores, the examinee may go to his/her veterinary school which will be provided a copy of the NVAT master list of test results.
- 4.2.3 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.
- 2.2.4 CHED will not entertain rechecking of NVAT answer sheets. The results contained in the NVAT master list are official.

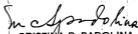
5. REPEAL

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

6. EFFECTIVITY

These guidelines shall take effect SY 2005-06.

Pasig City, Philippines September 9, 2004.


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