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## NAVLE Practice Analysis Completed

The Collaboration for Veterinary Assessments, consisting of the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), has completed the final report from a two-year NAVLE Practice Analysis process. The resulting blueprint will be used to update the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE®) for future administrations.

The practice analysis process is conducted periodically to ensure that the NAVLE® remains highly job-related, and reflects the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed by entry-level veterinarians. This is critical since the NAVLE is a key requirement for veterinary licensure in the US and Canada.

ICVA worked closely with both the American and Canadian Veterinary Medical Associations during the initial survey process, where a carefully selected sample of over 19,000 veterinarians from across both countries and in a variety of different practices and disciplines received a survey asking for information on their specific areas of expertise.

"We were astounded and thrilled to have a 35% response rate on the survey," explained Dr. Jon Betts, Board Chair of ICVA. "We'd like to thank all of the veterinarians who took the time to answer the questions and give us a snapshot of their work in veterinary medicine."

After the survey results were compiled, several in-person and on-line activities were conducted with subject matter experts spanning the spectrum of veterinary medicine, in order to review and refine the NAVLE test specifications. Based on the results of these activities, a blueprint for the future NAVLE was developed.

Further information about ICVA's NAVLE Practice Analysis process, including the final report, an executive summary, and the new NAVLE test specifications, is available here:

[https://www.icva.net/navle-general-information/navle\\_practice\\_analysis/](https://www.icva.net/navle-general-information/navle_practice_analysis/).

