



American Association of Veterinary State Boards



Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) Qualifying Science Examination (QSE)

QSE Guidelines for Reexamination (More than 3 attempts)

Multiple Attempts on the Qualifying Science Examination

The AAVSB has adopted a PAVE Examination Administration Policy regarding multiple administrations of the PAVE Program's basic science examination. For its basic science examination, the PAVE program is utilizing the Qualifying Science Examination (QSE) and has previously used the Qualifying Examination (QE).

As part of the PAVE Examination Administration Policy, no examinees shall be allowed to sit for the QSE more than three times during any one calendar year.

Examinees who have failed the QSE, QE, or a combination of both the QSE and QE three times must wait a minimum of 6 months to retake the exam allowing the examinee additional time to complete remedial measures. Examinees seeking access to the QSE after the third attempt and each subsequent attempt must submit information to the PAVE Committee identifying remedial measures taken in an attempt to successfully complete the QSE.

The AAVSB Board of Directors reserves the right to deny candidates the right to sit for the QSE including the right to permanently deny such access to protect the integrity and security of the program

QSE Retake Guidelines

Applicants seeking to retake the QSE, QE or a combination of both the QSE and QE after 3 previous attempts are required to submit the following information to the AAVSB by the application deadline for the desired examination window. **A request is not complete until the written statement has been submitted to the AAVSB at pave@aavsb.org.**

1. A written statement signed by the applicant which includes:
 - a. Reference to all previous attempts of the QSE and/or QE, and
 - b. Reference to remedial measures undertaken by the candidate, including:
 - i. Continuing education courses, including name of course, name of entity providing program, dates of attendance, and
 - ii. Exam review courses taken, including name of course, name of entity providing program, dates of attendance, and
 - iii. Self-studies, please be specific and provide citations to textbooks, treatises and other reference materials studied, and
 - iv. Description of additional on-the-job training or work experience since the last attempt, and
 - v. Any other measures undertaken, with specific description.

Please provide copies of any supporting documents for these measures.

The AAVSB may ask for additional statements and/or other information on materials in response to the applicant's request. Applicants are encouraged to carefully comply with these guidelines. The written statement will be submitted to the PAVE Committee which will send a recommendation to the AAVSB Board of Directors. The AAVSB Board of Directors will vote on all recommendations from the PAVE Committee taking into consideration all issues related to the exam attempts, remedial measures to improve performance, and other factors relevant to protecting the integrity and security of the program.

Candidates may be required to resubmit previous statements and documents and/or additional statements and documents for each additional request to sit for the QSE under the AAVSB policy and these guidelines.

Deadlines for submitting retake requests

Examination Date	Retake Request Deadline
January	July 1
May	November 1
September	March 1