

**§12121. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]

**1. Authority.** "Authority" means the Finance Authority of Maine.  
[PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]

**2. Chief executive officer.** "Chief executive officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine.  
[PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]

**3. Insufficient veterinary services.** "Insufficient veterinary services" means an insufficient number of practitioners of veterinary medicine in a veterinary specialty related to livestock or emergency and critical care, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.  
[PL 2021, c. 725, §1 (AMD).]

**4. Maine resident.** "Maine resident" means a person who has been a resident of the State for a minimum of 2 years for purposes other than education at the time of the person's entry to a school of veterinary medicine as determined by rule of the authority. In determining residency, the authority shall consider:

- A. Length of residence in the State for other than tuition purposes; [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]
- B. Secondary school attended; [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]
- C. Legal residence of parents; [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]
- D. Place of voting registration, if registered to vote; [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]
- E. Place where taxes are paid; and [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]
- F. Other indicators established by the authority. [PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]

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**5. Program.** "Program" means the Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program established under section 12122.

[PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW).]

**6. Underserved geographic region.** "Underserved geographic region" means a geographic region of the State in which there is an insufficient number of practitioners of veterinary medicine, as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

[PL 2021, c. 725, §2 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2009, c. 488, §14 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6 (REV). PL 2021, c. 725, §§1, 2 (AMD).

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