

## **Mac/Apple Computers and Nebraska Vital Records Electronic Registration System-Browser Application (VRERS-BA)**

Nebraska DHHS does not have the resources to also support Mac/Apple computers. However, other states that use Netsmart have found the following as options.

The lease costly option for Mac users is to install the free Virtualization software virtual box, which is downloadable from [www.virtualbox.org](http://www.virtualbox.org). They will then need to purchase a windows software license (Windows Home Premium would work) for as little as \$99 per copy (on [www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com) as an example).

Virtual box does not require a reboot in order to use the installed windows software. The Netsmart application can be run in a window alongside other OSX native applications.

A separate drive or partition is not required for this method. At most, 10GB of space would be used. With thin provisioning technologies used by Virtual box, it is likely the total needed will be less than 5 or 6GB. Currently storage costs are \$1-2 per GB.

You can also try <https://www.vmware.com/products/fusion/>

Or... <http://www.parallels.com/>

You will need a copy of Windows for these to work.

Netsmart, the vendor for VRERS-BA, is working on converting the system to HTML5 which will run on any device including Mac/Apple computers. This will be available in 2017. If you are currently using the Netsmart application in Citrix with a Mac/Apple computer, you may want to continue using it until the HTML5 version is available. The current plan by DHHS is to keep the Citrix version available until the HTML5 version is available for Mac/Apple users.