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20 CSR 2270-3.011 Registration Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule defines the requirements for a veterinary technician registration.

(1) To meet the educational requirements to be registered as a veterinary technician, an applicant must have successfully completed a –

(A) College level course of study in veterinary technology in a school having a curriculum approved by the board; or

(B) Post-high school college level course in the care and treatment of animals which is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

(2) In order to be approved by the board the curriculum described in section (1) shall be substantially equal to the curriculum accredited by the AVMA.

(3) It shall be the student's responsibility to have the school transmit directly to the board, a copy of the curriculum and a statement substantiating the equivalency to the AVMA accreditation standards. The board shall have the sole discretion of whether or not to approve the curriculum.

(4) The board shall notify the applicant by letter concerning the approval of the curriculum. If it is not approved, the letter will identify the reason(s).

AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, RSMo Supp. 1993 and 340.300, RSMo Supp. 1992. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-3.011. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.011, effective Aug. 28, 2006.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993 and 340.308, RSMo 1992.*

20 CSR 2270-3.020 Examinations

PURPOSE: This rule describes the examinations required for registration as a veterinary technician.

(1) All applicants for registration as a veterinary technician in Missouri shall take both –

(A) The Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE).

1. The deadline for applying to take the VTNE shall be fifteen (15) days prior to the date set by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB); and

(B) The Missouri State Board Examination.

1. The board determines if an applicant is eligible to sit for the examination by reviewing the application and documentation required. No applicant will be approved to sit for the examination until their application file is complete.

(2) Applicants shall submit –

(A) The application for registration and fee to the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board; and

(B) The VTNE application and fee directly to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

(3) The passing score on the VTNE shall be the minimum criterion referenced score of four hundred twenty-five (425). The passing score shall be seventy percent (70%) correct on the Missouri State Board Examination for the issuance of a registration in this state.

(4) The VTNE and the Missouri State Board Examination shall be administered at least once each year.

(5) Effective December 31, 2010, an applicant may apply for the examinations during his/her final semester of college; however, to be eligible to sit for the VTNE, the applicant must provide official documentation from the college verifying to the board that the applicant has graduated. However, no certificate of registration will be issued until an official transcript verifying receipt of the degree is received by the board office sent directly by the degree-granting institution. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to arrange with the school or college for the transmitting of the official transcript to the board office.

(6) Any applicant who fails either of the required examinations for registration as a veterinary technician may retake the failed examination(s) by notifying the board office and paying the appropriate nonrefundable examination fee and registration fee by the applicable deadline dates of the board. Test scores are valid and will be accepted by the board for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

(7) Effective August 28, 1999, no person may take either examination more than four (4) times either in or out of Missouri to qualify for registration in Missouri. Prior to making application for the fourth attempt at passage of an examination, the applicant shall schedule an appearance with the board to outline a continuing education program, which shall be board-approved and completed prior to filing application for the subsequent examination.

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20 CSR 2270-3.030 Reciprocity

PURPOSE: This rule provides information to those desiring registration by reciprocity.

(1) To be registered by reciprocity, an applicant shall –

(A) Have been employed as a registered veterinary technician and supervised by a licensed veterinarian for at least five (5) consecutive years preceding his/her application to practice in Missouri; and

(B) Be currently registered in another state, territory, district, or province of the United States or Canada having standards for



admission substantially the same as the standards in Missouri, and that the standards were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state, territory, district, or province of the United States or Canada.

(2) The applicant shall –

(A) Complete an application form provided by the board which shall include a complete employment history;

(B) Submit the nonrefundable reciprocity fee and registration fee;

(C) Request the licensing authority in each state in which the applicant has ever been registered to submit a Verification Request Form which is available from the board office; and

(D) Request the national testing service to send evidence that the applicant has taken the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) and received a passing score as defined in 20 CSR 2270-3.020. Effective August 28, 1999, no person may take any examination more than four (4) times either in or out of Missouri to qualify for licensure in Missouri.

(3) Following the review process, the applicant will be informed by letter that registration by reciprocity has been approved or denied. The denial letter will identify the reason(s) for denial and the appeal process.

(4) If an applicant does not qualify for registration by reciprocity because the other state's requirements are not substantially equal to Missouri's, s/he may request the board to transfer his/her VTNE score. The applicant shall provide satisfactory proof that the exam was taken within five (5) years of the date of the application and that s/he completed the VTNE with a score at least equal to the passing score required for registration in Missouri.

(5) Grade score transfer applicants will be required to take the Missouri State Board Examination.

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20 CSR 2270-3.040 Temporary Registration for Veterinary Technicians

PURPOSE: This rule describes the requirements and procedures for getting a temporary registration for veterinary technicians.

(1) A temporary registration may be issued to a qualified applicant for registration pending examination results if the applicant meets the requirements for registration and provided that the applicant is working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian in good standing. The applicant shall submit the following:

(A) An application provided by the board;

(B) The nonrefundable temporary registration fee; and

(C) A statement signed by a licensed veterinarian in good standing that the applicant shall be working under the supervision of that veterinarian. To be in good standing the veterinarian's license(s) must be current and unencumbered. This supervision shall be consistent with the delegated animal health care task.

(2) The supervisor identified on the temporary registration application is responsible for the temporary registrant and shall notify the board within ten (10) days if the employment ceases at the place of employment on the temporary certificate of registration.

(3) A temporary registration shall expire in one (1) year or sooner if the applicant becomes permanently registered. A temporary registration cannot be renewed.

(4) Temporary registrants are subject to the requirements of Chapter 340, RSMo and these rules.

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**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.246, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.298, RSMo 1992.*

20 CSR 2270-3.045 Military Training to Meet Requirements for Registration

PURPOSE: This rule requires the board to accept evidence of military education, training, or service to be applied toward the requirements for registration.

(1) Any applicant for registration may, as part of the evidence of meeting the requisite educational and/or training requirements for registration, submit evidence of military experience as a member of the military.

(2) The board shall review the evidence submitted and, if appropriate, make additional inquiry of the applicant to determine the scope and duties of the military experience to determine whether the military experience shall be counted towards the qualifications for registration.

(3) In its review of the military experience, the board shall evaluate the content and nature of the military experience to determine whether that military experience shall count towards the education, training, or service requirements for registration. The board shall construe liberally the military experience in determining whether it will count towards the education, training, or service requirements for registration.

(4) "Military experience" shall mean education, training, or service completed by an applicant while a member of the United States armed forces or reserves, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

AUTHORITY: sections 324.007 and 340.210, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed Aug. 8, 2016, effective Feb. 28, 2017.*

**Original authority: 324.007, RSMo 2013 and 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999.*



20 CSR 2270-3.050 Animal Health Care Tasks

PURPOSE: This rule describes the delegated animal health care tasks that veterinary technicians may perform and the level of supervision required for each.

(1) Unless specifically so provided by regulation, a registered veterinary technician shall not perform the following functions or any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or requires the knowledge, skill and training of a licensed veterinarian:

- (A) Surgery;
- (B) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases; and
- (C) Prescription of drugs, medicines or appliances.

(2) A registered veterinary technician in a veterinary or animal hospital or clinic setting may perform the following procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian when done so pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of the licensed veterinarian:

- (A) Application of casts and splints; and
- (B) Placement of indwelling intravenous catheters.

(3) Subject to the provisions of section (1), registered veterinary technicians in a veterinary or animal hospital or clinic setting may perform under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian other auxiliary animal health care tasks when done pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of a licensed veterinarian.

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