

**Rules of  
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Development  
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Chapter 3—Registration Requirements for Veterinary  
Technicians**

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## Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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#### Chapter 3—Registration Requirements for Veterinary Technicians

##### 4 CSR 270-3.010 Certification of Veteri- nary Technicians (Rescinded July 8, 1993)

##### 4 CSR 270-3.011 Registration Require- ments

*PURPOSE: This rule defines the require-  
ments for a veterinary technician regis-  
tration.*

(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 veteri-  
nary technology in a school having a curricu-  
lum 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 Medi-  
cal Association (AVMA).

(2) In order to be approved by the board the  
curriculum described in section (1) shall be  
substantially equal to the curriculum accred-  
ited 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 curricu-  
lum. If it is not approved, the letter will identify  
the reason(s).

*Auth: sections 340.210, RSMo (Cum.  
Supp. 1993) and 340.300, RSMo (Cum.  
Supp. 1992). \* Original rule filed Nov. 4,  
1992, effective July 8, 1993.*

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

##### 4 CSR 270-3.020 Examinations

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

(1) All applicants for registration as a veteri-  
nary technician in Missouri shall take the  
National Board Examination (NBE) and the  
State Board Examination. The deadline for  
applying to take the examination(s) shall be  
sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled adminis-  
tration of the examinations.

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

(3) The NBE and the State Board Examina-  
tion shall be administered at least once each  
year.

(4) An applicant may apply for and take the  
examinations during his/her final semester of  
college provided an official from the college  
verifies to the board that the applicant is  
expected to graduate. 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.

(5) 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 no less  
than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled  
examination. Test scores are valid and will be  
accepted by the board for a period not to exceed  
five (5) years.

(6) Effective August 28, 1992, no person may  
take either examination more than three (3)  
times either in or out of Missouri to qualify for  
registration in Missouri.

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1994. Amended: Filed March 10, 1995,  
effective Sept. 30, 1995.*

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

##### 4 CSR 270-3.030 Reciprocity

*PURPOSE: This rule provides informa-  
tion to those desiring registration by  
reciprocity.*

(1) To be registered by reciprocity, an appli-  
cant shall have been employed as a registered  
veterinary technician and supervised by a  
licensed veterinarian for at least five (5)  
consecutive years preceding his/her applica-  
tion to practice in Missouri.

(2) The other state in which the applicant is  
registered must have standards for admission  
to practice which are equal to, or more  
stringent than, current admission standards  
in Missouri and those standards must have  
been in effect when the applicant was origi-  
nally registered.

(3) 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 (see 4 CSR 270-2.060) which is available  
from the board office; and

(D) Request the national testing service to  
send evidence that the applicant has taken the  
National Board Examination (NBE) and  
received a passing score as defined in 4 CSR  
270-3.020.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 NBE 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 com-  
pleted the NBE with a score at least equal to  
the passing score required for registration in  
Missouri.

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

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1995.*

*\*Original authority: 340.210, RSMo (1992),  
amended 1993 and 340.306, RSMo (1992).*



4 CSR 270-3.040 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. 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.

Auth: section 340.210, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1993). \* Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993.

\*Original authority 1992, amended 1993.

4 CSR 270-3.050 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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