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# Rules of Department of Commerce and Insurance

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**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**

**Division 2270—Missouri Veterinary  
Medical Board**

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

**20 CSR 2270-3.011 Registration Require-  
ments**

*PURPOSE: This rule defines the require-  
ments for a veterinary technician registra-  
tion.*

(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 sub-  
stantiating 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 iden-  
tify 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.  
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tive 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 examina-  
tions required for registration as a veterinary  
technician.*

(1) All applicants for registration as a veteri-  
nary 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;

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

(C) The fee for the Missouri State Board  
Examination to the board's designated testing  
agency.

(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 appli-  
cant 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 appli-  
cant 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 qual-  
ify for registration in Missouri. Prior to mak-  
ing application for the fourth attempt at pas-  
sage of an examination, the applicant shall  
schedule an appearance with the board to out-  
line a continuing education program, which  
shall be board-approved and completed prior  
to filing application for the subsequent exam-  
ination.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.300,  
340.302, and 340.308, RSMo 2016.\* This  
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30, 2012. Amended: Filed July 25, 2018,  
effective Jan. 30, 2019.*

*\*Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended  
1993, 1995, 1999; 340.300, RSMo 1992, amended 1999;  
340.302, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.308,  
RSMo 1992, amended 1999.*

**20 CSR 2270-3.030 Reciprocity**

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

(1) To be registered by reciprocity, an appli-  
cant shall—

(A) Have been employed as a registered  
veterinary technician and supervised by a  
licensed veterinarian for at least five (5) con-  
secutive 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 stan-  
dards 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.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.238, 340.300, and 340.302, RSMo 2000, and sections 340.234 and 340.306, RSMo Supp. 2012.\* This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-3.030. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed March 10, 1995, effective Sept. 30, 1995. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.030, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed June 27, 2008, effective Dec. 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Jan. 10, 2013, effective July 30, 2013.*

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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.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.246 and 340.298, RSMo 2000.\* This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-3.040. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.040, effective Aug. 28, 2006.*

*\*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.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.296, RSMo Supp. 1993.\* This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 270-3.050. Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.050, effective Aug. 28, 2006.*

*\*Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993 and 340.296, RSMo 1992.*