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Chapter 3—Registration Requirements for Veterinary
Technicians

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**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF
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**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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8, 1993. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.011, effec-
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 the
Veterinary Technician National Examination
(VTNE) and the State Board Examination.
The deadline for applying to take the exami-
nation(s) shall be sixty (60) days prior to the
scheduled administration of the examinations.

(2) 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 State Board Examination for the
issuance of a registration in this state.

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

(4) 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.

(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, 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 exami-
nation.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210, 340.300,
340.302, and 340.308, RSMo 2000.* This
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30, 2001. Moved to 20 CSR 2270-3.020,
effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed
April 8, 2009, effective Sept. 30, 2009.*

**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 provid-
ed by the board which shall include a com-
plete 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.

(3) Following the review process, the appli-
cant will be informed by letter that registra-
tion by reciprocity has been approved or
denied. The denial letter will identify the rea-
son(s) for denial and the appeal process.

(4) If an applicant does not qualify for regis-
tration 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 and 340.238, RSMo 2000 and sections 340.234 and 340.306, RSMo Supp. 2007. 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.*

**Original authority: 340.210, RSMo 1992, amended 1993, 1995, 1999; 340.234, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2006; 340.238, RSMo 1992, amended 1999; and 340.306, RSMo 1992, amended 1999, 2004.*

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 2270-3.050 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,

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