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# Rules of Department of Economic Development

## Division 270–Missouri Veterinary Medical Board Chapter 3–Registration Requirements for Veterinary Technicians

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**Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF  
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**Division 270—Missouri**

**Veterinary Medical Board**

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

**4 CSR 270-3.010 Certification of Veteri-  
nary Technicians**

(Rescinded July 8, 1993)

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**4 CSR 270-3.011 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.\* 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 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) 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, 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 2000.\* Original  
rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993.  
Amended: Filed April 14, 1994, effective  
Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed March 10,  
1995, effective Sept. 30, 1995. Amended:  
Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001.*

*\*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.*

**4 CSR 270-3.030 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 4 CSR 270-3.020.

(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, 340.234, 340.238, and 340.306, RSMo 2000.\* 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.*

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

**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. 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.\* Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993. Amended: Filed April 13, 2001, effective Oct. 30, 2001.*

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

**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.

*AUTHORITY: sections 340.210 and 340.296, RSMo Supp. 1993.\* Original rule filed Nov. 4, 1992, effective July 8, 1993.*

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