



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 11, 2021
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Timothy Rodda, Administration/Licensing Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18.C. Examination Report

Examination Development

As a result of the Board’s decision to pursue legislation to eliminate the California State Board Examination (CSBE), Board staff have worked with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to eliminate the remaining examination development workshops. OPES will submit an amended intra-agency contract in January to reflect the changes. The CSBE remains a requirement for veterinarian licensure until a legislative repeal is enacted.

Examination Statistics

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD EXAMINATION					
May – Oct. 2019		Nov 2019 – Apr 2020		May 2020 – Oct 2020	
Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %
208	72%	273	97%	295	89%

NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAMINATION					
Nov – Dec 2019		Apr – Aug 2020		Sep – Nov 2020	
Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %
425	82%	61	74%	169	89%

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN NATIONAL EXAMINATION					
Nov – Dec 2019		Mar – Sep 2020		Oct – Dec 2020	
Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %	Candidates	Pass %
463	51%	618	56%	392	53%

Registered Veterinary Technician Statistics (Strategic Plan Objective 2.1 and 2.3)

Board staff and the DCA Office of Information Services continue to work with the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) to receive registered veterinary technician (RVT) examination results through an automated process and are working through final technical details. We anticipate RVT examination statistics being available early this year.

Board staff compiled RVT candidate pass rates on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2018 through 2020, which are provided below. With this additional information, the Board is able to accurately enforce the RVT school pass rates as required under California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, sections [2065.7](#) – Inspections and [2065.8](#) – Probation.

RVT School Probation

The Board may place a school or degree program on probation for a period of time not to exceed two years if “for a period of two years the approved school’s or degree program’s yearly average pass rate for first time candidates who have taken the registration examination falls below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates who have taken the registered veterinary technician examination during the same time period.” (CCR, tit. 16, § 2065.8, subs. (a)(2).) The process for placing an approved program on probation is outlined in CCR, title 16, section 2065.8.2.

Prior to taking any action to place an RVT school or degree program on probation or withdraw the Board’s approval, the Board must provide the school or degree program notice of the pending action and an opportunity to be heard. To satisfy the regulatory requirement, the Board would need to select a date during a scheduled board meeting for which the Board’s approval of the school or degree program would be agendaized for discussion, send notice to the school or degree program of the pending Board action, and advise the school or degree program of the Board meeting date.

Below are the pass rates for RVT school or degree programs whose students took the registration examination for the first time in Fiscal Years (FY) 2018/19, FY 2019/20, and FY 2020/21. Schools and degree programs that are below 10% of the state average pass rate for first time candidates appear in bold, red text. As shown below, one school, San Joaquin Valley College, had a pass rate for their first time test takers below 10% of the state average pass rate for two years. As such, San Joaquin Valley College has had, for two consecutive years, pass rates below 10% of the California average pass rate for first time test takers and may be subject to being placed on probation pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 2065.8, subsection (a)(2).

CA VTNE Pass Rates of First Time Test Takers						
	FY 18/19		FY 19/20		FY 20/21 [Through September 30]	
	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS
California Candidates (First Time) – Average Pass Rate	823	554 (67%)	832	562 (68%)	200	137 (69%)
School Name						
California Polytechnic University-Pomona	32	30 (94%)	23	21 (91%)	18	15 (83%)
Carrington College – Citrus Heights	26	21 (81%)	30	25 (83%)	3	2 (67%)
Carrington College – Pleasant Hill	33	21 (64%)	26	11 (42%)	8	7 (88%)
Carrington College – Pomona	49	31 (63%)	40	27 (68%)	11	6 (55%)
Carrington College – Sacramento	32	20 (63%)	27	14 (52%)	4	2 (50%)
Carrington College – San Jose	29	24 (83%)	36	32 (89%)	4	3 (75%)
Carrington College – San Leandro	-	-	23	15 (65%)	2	0 (0%)
Carrington College – Stockton	31	9 (29%)	27	16 (59%)	4	1 (25%)
Central Coast College	8	0 (0%)	-	-	-	-
Cosumnes River College	11	11 (100%)	8	8 (100%)	-	-

Foothill College	-	-	24	23 (96%)	1	1 (100%)
Los Angeles Pierce College	25	21 (84%)	31	26 (84%)	3	2 (67%)
Mount San Antonio College	32	30 (94%)	38	36 (95%)	9	7 (78%)
Pima Medical Institute – Chula Vista	70	51 (73%)	62	40 (65%)	13	7 (54%)
Platt College – Alhambra	31	19 (61%)	43	27 (63%)	2	1 (50%)
Platt College – Anaheim	16	12 (75%)	-	-	-	-
Platt College – Ontario	10	5 (50%)	8	7 (88%)	2	2 (100%)
Platt College – Riverside	22	20 (90%)	18	15 (83%)	2	2 (100%)
San Joaquin Valley College	41	15 (37%)	19	3 (16%)	2	1 (50%)
Stanbridge University	49	44 (90%)	33	30 (91%)	16	11 (69%)
Yuba College	13	5 (38%)	13	12 (92%)	4	4 (100%)

RVT School Inspection

The Board is required to conduct inspections of approved schools every four years, pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 2065.7, subsection (a). Additionally, the Board may conduct inspections of these programs if, “for a period of two years the approved school’s or degree program’s yearly average pass rate on the registration examination falls below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates for the registered veterinary technician examination.” (CCR, tit. 16, § 2065.7, subs. (b).)

Below are the yearly pass rates for schools and degree programs that include first time test takers and candidates retaking the VTNE. Schools and degree programs whose candidates tested below 10% of the state average pass rate for first time candidates appear in bold and red text. Schools and degree programs whose yearly pass rates fell below 10% of the state average for two years are subject to Board inspection pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 2065.7, subsection (b)(2).

CA VTNE Yearly Pass Rates						
	FY 18/19		FY 19/20		FY 20/21 [Through September 30]	
	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS
California Candidates (First Time) – Average Pass Rate	823	554 (67%)	832	562 (68%)	200	137 (69%)
School Name						
California Polytechnic University-Pomona	34	32 (94%)	25	22 (88%)	18	15 (83%)
Carrington College – Citrus Heights	38	24 (63%)	43	27 (63%)	6	2 (33%)
Carrington College – Pleasant Hill	53	27 (51%)	38	14 (37%)	13	9 (69%)
Carrington College – Pomona	83	43 (52%)	68	38 (56%)	16	8 (50%)
Carrington College – Sacramento	55	24 (44%)	48	24 (44%)	13	2 (15%)
Carrington College – San Jose	38	29 (76%)	48	18 (38%)	5	3 (60%)
Carrington College – San Leandro	-	-	31	17 (55%)	5	0 (0%)
Carrington College – Stockton	45	12 (27%)	49	21 (43%)	6	1 (17%)
Central Coast College	10	0 (0%)	-	-	-	-
Cosumnes River College	11	11 (100%)	8	8 (100%)	-	-
Foothill College	-	-	25	24 (96%)	1	1 (100%)
Los Angeles Pierce College	29	23 (79%)	36	30 (83%)	4	3 (75%)

Mount San Antonio College	35	33 (94%)	46	38 (83%)	12	9 (75%)
Pima Medical Institute – Chula Vista	97	60 (62%)	92	49 (53%)	19	9 (47%)
Platt College – Alhambra	52	23 (44%)	65	32 (49%)	9	2 (22%)
Platt College – Anaheim	17	12 (71%)	-	-	-	-
Platt College – Ontario	17	5 (29%)	13	9 (69%)	3	2 (67%)
Platt College – Riverside	28	23 (82%)	24	17 (71%)	2	2 (100%)
San Joaquin Valley College	70	24 (34%)	42	10 (24%)	8	1 (13%)
Stanbridge University	67	51 (76%)	42	33 (79%)	16	11 (69%)
Yuba College	17	5 (29%)	21	14 (67%)	5	4 (80%)

Alternate Route

Below are the pass rates for first time test takers and the yearly average VTNE pass rates for alternate route schools.

CA VTNE Pass Rates – Alternate Route Schools						
School Name	FY 18/19		FY 19/20		FY 20/21 [Through September 30]	
	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS	# Tested	PASS
California Candidates (First Time) – Average Pass Rate	823	554 (67%)	832	562 (68%)	200	137 (69%)
School Name						
First Time Test Takers - Alternate Route						
Allan Hancock College	5	3 (60%)	4	3 (75%)	2	2 (100%)
Bakersfield College	4	1 (25%)	3	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Banfield	14	5 (36%)	11	6 (55%)	11	5 (45%)
Heritage College	2	1 (50%)	3	0 (0%)	2	1 (50%)
Modesto Junior College	10	4 (40%)	8	2 (25%)	3	0 (0%)
Platt College - Alhambra	30	14 (47%)	55	31 (56%)	23	17 (74%)
San Diego Community College District (Mesa)	16	12 (75%)	24	21 (88%)	1	1 (100%)
Santa Rosa Junior College	17	12 (71%)	31	23 (74%)	11	5 (45%)
Veterinary Allied Staff Education	-	-	94	46 (49%)	39	32 (82%)
Yearly Pass Rate - Alternate Route						
Allan Hancock College	5	3 (60%)	6	4 (67%)	3	2 (67%)
Bakersfield College	6	2 (33%)	6	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Banfield	15	6 (40%)	18	8 (44%)	13	5 (38%)
Heritage College	7	5 (71%)	4	0 (0%)	2	1 (50%)
Modesto Junior College	13	4 (31%)	11	2 (18%)	6	1 (17%)
Platt College - Alhambra	39	16 (41%)	63	32 (51%)	30	18 (60%)
San Diego Community College District (Mesa)	19	13 (68%)	25	22 (92%)	2	2 (100%)
Santa Rosa Junior College	21	16 (76%)	33	24 (73%)	15	8 (53%)
Veterinary Allied Staff Education	84	44 (52%)	116	53 (46%)	45	35 (78%)