



December 20, 2010

Robyn Kendrick, Executive Director
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RE: Veterinary Technician National Examination Transition

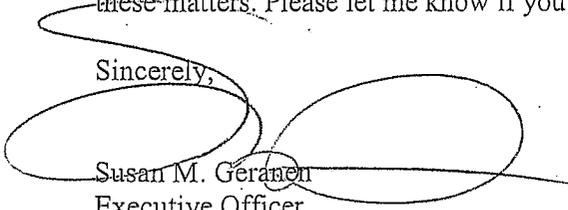
Dear Ms Kendrick:

At its last meeting on October 19, 2010, the California Registered Veterinary Technician Committee (RVTC) voted to recommend to the Veterinary Medical Board to move forward with the transition of the California RVT Examination to the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) contingent on obtaining additional information from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) on several points listed below.

- 1. Eligibility for the VTNE.** California has an "alternate route" eligibility category which is a combination of 300 hours of postsecondary education and 3 years (4,416 hours) of directed clinical experience. For the Board to move forward in considering whether it is feasible to transition to the VTNE as a requirement for registration, it needs written verification from the AAVSB that candidates completing the "alternate route" eligibility pathway will be eligible to take the VTNE.
- 2. End of Year Statistics.** The California Board currently provides each RVT program with a statistical score profile that provides a breakdown by domain of their overall examination scores and then for first time v. retake candidates (sample enclosed): Does the AAVSB provide a comparable report of the VTNE to the various RVT programs?
- 3. Adequate Testing Facilities.** California currently offers its RVT examination on a continuous basis with two, six-month testing periods, January to June and July to December to allow for two different forms of the examination in any given year. Since there are approximately 450-500 RVT candidates in California each year, the RVTC has some concerns about the shorter testing windows for the VTNE that there might be a problem with individuals being able to schedule a test time. Please provide the RVTC with information on how many testing sites there are in California and information on how the AAVSB plans to insure a sufficient number of seats in each testing window so all candidates who wish to take the examination during any particular window will be accommodated.
- 4. Application Process for Position on VTNE.** The RVTC is also requesting information on the process for applying for a seat on the VTNE board.

The RVTC will be meeting on January 25, 2011, to finalize its recommendation to transition to the VTNE based on, at least in part, your responses to the above mentioned questions. If possible, please provide your responses by Monday, January 10, 2011, so there is time to include them in the meeting binders. Thank you in advance for your assistance in these matters. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Susan M. Geranen
Executive Officer

Cc: Terri Becker, DVM, Board President