



January 10, 2011

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Dear Sue:

Thank you for your letter dated December 20, 2010. We were excited to hear that the California Registered Veterinary Technician Committee (RVTC) voted to recommend to the California Veterinary Medical Board to move forward with the transition of the California RVT Examination to the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). We understand the RVTC would like a few questions answered prior to this recommendation.

Below are AAVSB's responses to the four questions from the RVTC.

1. Eligibility for the VTNE. AAVSB works with several jurisdictions which allow alternative pathways for eligibility for the VTNE. In these circumstances, the regulatory agency is responsible for determining eligibility for all candidates from that jurisdiction. AAVSB always defers to the requirements of the regulatory agency regarding eligibility of candidates.

For your information, the examination application deadlines and corresponding examination windows are listed below.

<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Examination Windows</i>
February 1	March 1 – March 31
June 15	July 15 – August 15
October 15	November 15 – December 15

2. End of Year Statistics. After each administration of the VTNE, AAVSB provides the regulatory boards a jurisdiction score report which includes statistics on the jurisdiction's candidates. These reports are provided to



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2. (cont'd) the jurisdictions prior to the candidates receiving their individual score reports. The reports include statistics such as the overall scores and domain scores for each candidate, the pass-rate for all first time test takers, and group data for several break-out groups.

Score reports are also provided to the accredited veterinary technology programs which have three or more students take the examination in a particular examination window. The school score reports are provided to the schools approximately two weeks after the candidates have received their individual score reports. On these reports, statistical information is not provided for individual candidates, but for the group of candidates as a whole. Group data by domain is also provided for the school's candidates as well as other break-out groups.

Furthermore, AAVSB is pursuing an evaluation of its current school score reports to make sure the necessary statistics are being provided and to improve the presentation and delivery of the information.

3. Adequate Testing Facilities. When the AAVSB Board of Directors approved Prometric as the testing vendor for the VTNE, the main consideration was the number of facilities and seats available to accommodate VTNE candidates throughout the U.S. and Canada. AAVSB works closely with Professional Examination Service and Prometric to ensure the number of seats is adequate for each testing window. When the application window closes, AAVSB can provide an estimation of the number of candidates that will take the examination in California, and Prometric will work to accommodate all the candidates including adjusting hours and/or the days that the testing center is open, if needed. Currently, there are ten Prometric Testing Centers in California through which the VTNE is offered.
4. Application Process for Position on the VTNE. The VTNE Committee is comprised of at least twelve members. Of these members, at least four are members which are appointed by the AAVSB Board of Directors. Four veterinary technician organizations appoint two members each to the VTNE Committee. Those organizations include:
 - Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE)
 - National Association for Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)
 - Canadian Association of Animal Health Technicians and Technologists (CAAHTT)
 - AVMA's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA)

The process for adding a representative from the VMB to the VTNE Committee would involve the VMB sending a nomination, including a bio of the nominee, to the VTNE Committee Chair. The VTNE Committee would then provide a recommendation to the AAVSB Board of Director on the nomination. The Board of Directors would then vote on the recommendation.

Sue, I hope this information is helpful to the RVTC and to the California Board. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Kendrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robyn Kendrick
Executive Director

cc: Daphne Tabbytite, AAVSB Assistant Director