

RVT Title Protection

(a) It shall be unprofessional conduct for a managing licensee to allow violations of this section.

(b) In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 4839.5, the terms “registered veterinary technician” and “veterinary technician” shall only be used in a clinical setting by, or referring to, persons who have met all of the requirements of Business and Professions section 4839.

(c) In addition to the limitation in section (b) above, the following abbreviations and terms are also restricted in clinical settings to those persons who have met all of the requirements of section 4839 of the Code:

- (1) R.V.T.
- (2) Licensed Veterinary Technician or L.V.T.
- (3) Certified Veterinary Technician or C.V.T.
- (4) Animal Health Technician or A.H.T.
- (5) Technician or Tech

Persons not meeting all of the requirements of section 4839 of the Code may not use the words “certified”, “licensed”, or “registered”, in combination with the words “tech”, “technician”, “aide”, or “assistant” while working in a clinical setting.

(d) The use of the word “technologist” in place of “technician” in any of the restricted titles described in section (c) above shall only be used by a person who meets all of the requirements of section 4839 of the Code and who possesses at least a four year degree in veterinary science, animal science, or a closely related field.

(e) Persons who do not possess all of the requirements of section 4839 of the Code may use the following designations in a clinical setting:

- (1) Unregistered assistant
- (2) Assistant
- (3) Aide
- (4) Veterinary aide
- (5) Kennel attendant or kennel assistant
- (6) Receptionist
- (7) Practice manager
- (8) Technician Assistant

In addition to the specified designations listed above, any person working in a clinical setting who does not provide any medical care to any animal may utilize any common term that does not in any manner indicate the provision of animal medical care.

(f) The term “nurse” shall not be used, alone or in conjunction with “pet” or “veterinary,” by any person in a veterinary clinical setting. Persons who hold a registered nurse or vocational nurse license and who work in a veterinary clinical setting may use the title registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse or the abbreviations R.N. or L.V.N. in the clinical setting on name tags, provided their status as a registered veterinary technician or an unregistered assistant is made clear to the public.

(g) For the purposes of this section “clinical setting” means any veterinary premise required to be registered with the Board pursuant to section 4853 of the Code and any location where an animal is actually treated.