



MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 16, 2012
TO	AVMA RVT accredited schools and affiliated programs
FROM	Veterinary Medical Board
SUBJECT	Proposed RVT School Approval Regulations

The California Veterinary Medical Board (Board) regulates registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) and RVT educational programs. The Board is considering amendments to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 2065, that outline the criteria for approving RVT educational programs in California.

One of the proposed changes is to clarify and make specific that educational programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) are also accepted as California Board approved. Educational programs must meet the same minimum criteria as non-AVMA accredited schools but are not necessarily subject to a separate State inspection. Please reference the enclosed regulations for this and the other proposed changes.

The Board is inviting informal public comments on the proposed language prior to initiating any formal regulatory changes. Proposed changes to the language are indicated in the document by ~~strikeout~~ for deleted language and underline for new language. Please provide comments to the Board by **writing** to the Board at the address listed above or **emailing** Ethan Mathes at ethan.mathes@dca.ca.gov.

In addition to the proposed regulations, the Board is contemplating rulemaking action that would create criteria for the Board to approve educational programs under the "alternate route" as specified in CCR section 2068.5. Although there is no language at this time, your comments or input on this topic are also welcomed.

Comments will be accepted until Friday, **April 6, 2012**. Any comments received by this date will be included in the public meeting binder and presented to the Board and the public at its April 24-25, 2012 meeting in Laguna Beach, CA.