

**TITLE 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations  
Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board**

**Notice of Proposed Changes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Veterinary Medical Board is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held in the Hearing Room at 2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California, at 10a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2013, or must be received by the Board at the hearing.

The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference:

Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 4808 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 4841.5, 4842.5, and 4843 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

A. Informative Digest

BPC section 4808 authorizes the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

This regulatory proposal will adopt CCR sections 2064, 2066, and 2066.1 and amend CCR sections 2065, 2065.5, 2065.6, 2065.7, 2065.8, 2065.8.1, 2065.8.2, 2065.8.3, and 2065.9.

B. Policy Statement Overview/Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

The purpose of the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) proposed language is to clarify and make specific that California and out-of-state registered veterinary technician (RVT) schools or degree programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) are accepted as Board approved educational programs.

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits. The proposed language benefits the health and welfare of California residents because RVT students/graduates benefit with the change in language by ensuring all AVMA accredited programs are accept by California as Board approved. It does not affect worker safety, and does not affect the state's environment.

C. Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

This Board has evaluated this regulatory proposal and it is neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500 - 17630 Require Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. The proposed regulations adopt new and amend current sections of law to clarify and make them more accurate.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS:

Impact on Jobs/Businesses:

The Veterinary Medical Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

The Board has determined the proposed language clarifies and makes specific California and out-of-state RVT schools or degree programs accredited by the AVMA are accepted as Board approved educational programs and will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California.

### Benefits of Regulation:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits. The proposed language benefits the health and welfare of California residents because RVT students/graduates benefit with the change in language by ensuring all AVMA accredited programs are accepted by California as Board approved. It does not affect worker safety, and does not affect the state's environment.

### CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

### TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and any document incorporated by reference, and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Board at 2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California 95815.

### AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.vmb.ca.gov](http://www.vmb.ca.gov).

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*Changes to the modified language are shown in  
strikeout for deleted text and underline for new text.*

**2064. Approval of Schools Accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association**

All schools or degree programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) shall be deemed by the board to have met the minimum requirements of section 2065(a), (b), (d), and (e). Such schools and degree programs shall also be exempt from the initial inspection requirements of section 2065.7(a). Re-approval inspections shall be at the discretion of the board. All other requirements of section 2065, and all other sections applicable to schools or degree programs seeking board approval, continue to apply and must be demonstrated in the school's or degree program's application for board approval. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the board from disapproving or withdrawing approval from any school or degree program not complying with the requirements of this division or of any provision of the Veterinary Medical Practices Act. Approval under this section shall automatically terminate upon loss of accreditation by the AVMA.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

**2065. ~~Criteria for Evaluation of Equivalent Programs~~Minimum Requirements for Approved Schools or Degree Programs.**

Schools or degree programs seeking approval from the board shall meet all of the following minimum requirements: ~~In lieu of a two (2) year curriculum in animal health technology, completion of a program or curriculum in compliance with the following criteria is deemed to be "the equivalent thereof as determined by the board," pursuant to Section 4841.5 of the code:~~

(a) The academic instruction shall consist of:

(1) a minimum of 600 hours of classroom instruction, ~~and~~

(2) a minimum of 200 hours of clinical instruction, ~~and~~

(3) an externship consisting of at least 200 hours.

(b) The curriculum shall ~~include the following coursework~~ cover applicable safety training in all coursework. Coursework shall include the following:

(1) Principles of anatomy and physiology,

(2) Biology and chemistry,

(3) Applied mathematics,

(4) Orientation to the vocation of veterinary technology,

(5) Ethics and jurisprudence in veterinary medicine including applicable regulatory requirements,

(6) Anesthetic nursing and monitoring including anesthetic evaluation, induction, and maintenance. It shall also include care and use of anesthetic and monitoring equipment,

(7) Animal husbandry, including restraint, species and breed identification, sex determination and sanitation,

(8) Animal nutrition and feeding,

(9) Client communication,

(10) Dental care of companion and laboratory animals including prophylaxis and extractions,

(11) Diseases and nursing management of companion, food, and laboratory animals including zoonoses,

(12) Emergency and critical care nursing,

(13) Laboratory procedures to include clinical biochemistry, cytology, hematology, immunology, basic microbiology, parasitology, and urine analysis testing,-

(14) Imaging to include radiography, basic endoscopy, ~~and~~ ultrasound principles, and radiation safety principles,

(15) Medical terminology,

(16) Medical office management including medical record keeping and drug control,

(17) Basic necropsy techniques including specimen collection and handling,

(18) Pharmacology, and

(19) Surgical nursing and assisting including instrumentation, suturing, bandaging and splinting.

(c) Each student shall be supervised during the externship or clinical rotation by a veterinarian or registered veterinary technician who is located at the site of the externship or clinical rotation. The school or ~~institution~~ degree program shall have a written agreement with the site that specifies the expectations and responsibility of the parties. A staff member of the school or ~~institution~~ degree program shall visit the site prior to beginning the externship or clinical rotation relationship and at least once annually following the initial inspection.

(d) The library facilities of the ~~institution~~ school or degree program must be adequate for the conducting of the educational program.

(e) The physical plant and equipment used for instruction in the academic teaching shall be adequate for the purposes intended.

(f)(1) The faculty shall include a California licensed veterinarian employed by the ~~institution~~ school or degree program as an advisor, administrator, or instructor. Instructors shall include, but need not be limited to, a California registered veterinary technician. If there is any change in the faculty, the board must be immediately notified.

(2) Instructors shall be knowledgeable, current, skillful, and possess at least two years of experience in performing or teaching in the specialized area in which they are teaching. Each instructor shall have or currently be receiving training in current teaching methods. ~~Each instructor shall have a daily lesson plan, which correlates the theory and practice of the subject~~ School or degree programs shall effectively evaluate the teaching ability of each instructor.

(3) An approved ~~program~~ school or degree program shall have a director who meets the requirements of subdivision (f)(2) and who shall hold a current active California license as a

veterinarian or registration as an RVT. The director shall have a minimum of three years experience as a veterinarian or RVT. This shall include one year of experience in teaching, administration, or clinical supervision or a combination thereof within the last five years. The director shall have completed or be receiving course work in administration.

(4) In the absence of a director an approved ~~program~~ school or degree program may appoint an interim director. The interim director shall meet the requirements of (f)(3), except that the interim director may have applied for, but not yet have received licensure or registration. An approved ~~program~~ school or degree program shall not have an interim director for a period exceeding eighteen months.

(g) The number of students enrolled shall be at a ratio to the number of faculty and size of the facilities which is not detrimental to the quality of education at the ~~institution~~ school or degree program, ~~but in any event, a maximum ratio of 15 students per teacher shall be allowed in lab classes in which procedures are performed on live animals and, when animal patients are used as part of the curriculum, which adequately protects the health and safety of the animal patients and the students, taking into consideration the species of animal being treated.~~

~~(1) A maximum ratio of 30 students per teacher shall be allowed for all lab classes other than those classes involving live animals.~~

(h) All students admitted shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(i) The ~~program or curriculum~~ school or degree program shall be part of an institution which is approved by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, ~~unless otherwise exempted from Education Code section 94800 et seq. or the State of California Department of Education, or in the case of an institution located outside of this state, accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education.~~

(j) ~~†~~ Every school or degree program shall be in compliance with the laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(k) Any instruction covered under subsection (a)(3) shall be in a facility ~~registered possessing a current and unrestricted premise permit issued by the board or any facility that is otherwise exempt.~~

(l) The ~~program~~ schools or degree programs shall provide all prospective students, prior to enrollment, with literature which discloses the school's or degree program's pass rate for first time candidates and the state average pass rate for first time candidates on the board's registered veterinary technician examination during the two-year period immediately preceding the student's proposed enrollment and a description of the requirements for registration as a registered veterinary technician.

(m) All ~~programs~~ schools or degree programs shall provide each prospective veterinary technology student prior to enrollment written information regarding transferability of the units they receive in the courses that they take. Said information shall be posted at all times in a conspicuous location at the school or degree program facility so that there is ample opportunity for it to be read by the veterinary technology students.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.5. ~~Institution~~ School or Degree Program Approval**

(a) A school or degree program ~~An institution~~ seeking board approval of its registered veterinary technician curriculum and facilities shall submit an application to the board on a form provided by the board.

(b) When the application for approval or re-approval of a registered veterinary technician curriculum includes an onsite inspection by the board or its designee, the ~~program~~ school or degree program shall pay for the board's actual costs associated with conducting the onsite inspection, including, but not limited to, the inspection team's travel, food and lodging expenses.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5, 4842.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.6. School and Degree Program Approval Process**

The following procedures shall be applicable to ~~an institution~~ a school or degree program applying to the board for initial approval of its registered veterinary technician curriculum in accordance with section 2065 of these rules:

(a) The board shall conduct a qualitative review and assessment of the ~~institution's~~ school's or degree program's registered veterinary technician curriculum through a comprehensive onsite review process, performed by an inspection team impaneled by the board for that purpose.

(b) After reviewing the inspection team's evaluation report and recommendations, the board shall take one of the following actions:

(1) Grant provisional approval for a period not to exceed two years. An additional two-year provisional approval may be granted by the board for good cause

(2) Disapprove the application.

(c) Full approval of a school or degree program offering a registered veterinary technician curriculum in accordance with section 2065 shall not be granted until the curriculum has been in operation under provisional approval for at least two years and the board has determined that the curriculum is in full compliance with the provisions of section 2065.

(d) If the board approves a school or degree program possessing full accreditation by the AVMA, such approval shall be full approval. Schools or degree programs possessing provisional or probationary accreditation by the AVMA shall be granted provisional approval on the same terms as all other schools or degree programs until such time as the AVMA grants full accreditation, at which time the school or degree program shall be granted full approval by the board.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

### **2065.7. Inspections**

(a) Where either provisional or full approval has been granted, the board shall conduct subsequent inspections every 4 years, notwithstanding other provisions of this section.

(b) The board may conduct an on-site inspection of an ~~institution~~ school or degree program which offers a registered veterinary technician curriculum in accordance with section 2065 where:

(1) It believes the ~~institution~~ school or degree program has substantially deviated from the standards for approval,

(2) For a period of two years the approved ~~program's~~ 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.

(3) There has been change of ~~program~~ director in charge of the curriculum for training registered veterinary technicians.

(c) Schools and degree programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association shall be exempt from the initial inspection. Inspections conducted for re-approval of such schools or degree programs shall be at the discretion of the board.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

### **2065.8. Probation**

(a) The board may place an ~~institution~~ a school or degree program on probation for a prescribed period of time not to exceed 2 years, in the following circumstances:

(1) The board determines that an approved ~~program~~ school or degree program is not maintaining the standards for approval required by the board.

(2) For a period of two years the approved ~~program's~~ school's or degree program's yearly average pass rate for the 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.

(3) The use of false or misleading advertising.

(4) Aiding or abetting in any acts that are in violation of any of the provisions of this ~~chapter~~ division or any provision of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

(b) During the period of probation, the ~~institution~~ school or degree program shall be subject to special monitoring. The conditions for probation may include the submission of periodic reports as prescribed by the board and special visits by authorized representatives of the board to determine progress toward total compliance.

(c) The board may extend the probationary period for good cause.

(d) The ~~institution~~ school or degree program shall notify in writing all current and prospective students and employees of the probationary status.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.8.1. Withdrawal of Approval**

The board may withdraw its approval of any school or ~~institution~~ degree program in the following circumstances:

(a) The employment of fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in obtaining approval.

(b) If, at the end of a probationary period, the ~~institution~~ school or degree program has not eliminated the cause or causes for its probation to the satisfaction of the board.

(c) The board determines that the ~~institution~~ school or degree program has engaged in activities that are a danger to the health and safety of its students, staff, or animals.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.8.2. Procedures for Probation or Withdrawal of Approval**

Prior to taking any action to place a school or ~~institution~~ degree program on probation or withdrawing of the board's approval, the board shall provide the school or ~~institution~~ degree program due notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.8.3. Director Notification**

(a) Every approved ~~program~~ school or degree program shall be required to notify the board in writing of the departure of the director or interim director within 15 working days, and shall notify the board in writing of the appointment of any director or interim director within 15 working days.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2065.9. Reporting**

Every school or degree program shall be required to submit to the board within sixty (60) days after the close of the school's or degree program's fiscal year a current course catalog with a letter outlining the following:

(1) Any courses added/deleted or significantly changed from the previous year's curriculum;

- (2) Any changes in faculty, administration, or governing body; and
- (3) Any major change in the school's or degree program's facility.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

### **2066. Out of State Schools**

(a) Candidates who have completed a course of study at a school or a degree program located outside of California and approved by the AVMA shall be deemed to have completed the equivalent of a two-year curriculum in veterinary technology.

(b) Candidates seeking to apply to the board to take the Registered Veterinary Technician exam and who have obtained their minimum educational requirements from a school or degree program located outside of California and not approved by the board shall demonstrate to the board, (1) that the education they have received is equivalent to educational requirements of section 2065(a) and (b), and, (2) that the school or degree program has been approved by a licensing body in the U.S. state, Canadian province or U.S. or Canadian territory. The burden to demonstrate educational equivalency is upon the candidate.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

### **2066.1 Unapproved In-State Schools**

No candidate who has completed his or her course of study at a school or degree program located within the state that has not sought and been granted board approval shall be permitted to take the Registered Veterinary Technician exam unless that candidate also meets the requirements of section 2068.5

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4843, Business and Professions Code.

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: 10a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Registered Veterinary Technician School Approval Regulations

Section(s) Affected: Title 16, Division 20, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 2064, 2065, 2065.5, 2065.6, 2065.7, 2065.8, 2065.8.1, 2065.8.3, 2065.9, 2066, and 2066.1.

**Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:**

1. Problem Being Addressed:

The purpose of the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) proposed language is to clarify and make specific that California and out-of-state registered veterinary technician (RVT) schools or degree programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) are accepted as Board approved educational programs. Specifically, this proposal would:

2. Anticipated Benefits from this Regulatory Action:

Adopt CCR section 2064

The proposed regulation establishes language to accept AVMA accredited RVT schools and degree programs as Board approved, allows for Board re-approval inspections and allows for Board withdrawal of said approval.

Amend CCR section 2065

The proposed regulation adds specific minimum educational requirements for approved RVT schools or degree programs in safety training, applicable regulatory requirements, zoonoses, medical record keeping, drug control and radiation.

The proposed regulation also deletes class size requirements, adds the requirement that schools or degree programs consider the health, safety and species of the animal patient when the animal patient is part of the teaching curriculum, deletes the requirement that out-of-state schools are approved by a national accreditation agency, clarifies the requirement that externships are at a facility that is Board approved or otherwise exempt, and make other non-substantive and clarifying changes.

Amend CCR section 2065.5

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR section 2065.6

The proposed regulation adds specific language establishing the Board's authority to grant full or provisional approval to Board or AVMA approved schools or degree programs and makes non-substantive clarifying changes to regulation language.

Amend CCR section 2065.7

The proposed regulation exempts AVMA accredited schools or degree programs from initial inspections, establishes the Board's authority to conduct re-approval inspections, and makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR section 2065.8

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR Section 2065.8.1

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR section 2065.8.2

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR section 2065.8.3

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Amend CCR Section 2065.9

The proposed regulation makes non-substantive and clarifying changes to the regulation language.

Adopt CCR section 2066

The proposed regulation establishes out-of-state AVMA accredited school or degree program graduates are deemed to have completed the equivalent of a two-year veterinary technology curriculum. Candidates who obtain their minimum education from non-approved out-of-state schools or degree programs are mandated to prove the curriculum is equivalent to Board required instruction hours and curriculum.

Adopt CCR section 2066.1

The proposed regulation establishes language that requires candidates from non-approved California schools or degree programs meet courses relevant to veterinary medicine and/or veterinary technology in order to take the RVT examination.

**Factual Basis/Rationale**

Adopt CCR section 2064

The Board specifies all AVMA accredited schools or degree programs are also California approved because it already accepts, in its existing regulations, those schools with equivalent educational requirements.

Amend CCR section 2065

The proposed regulation clarifies the minimum educational requirement language for approved schools or degree programs. Additional educational requirements have been added because RVT duties are evolving to include increased knowledges and responsibilities. The proposed regulation changes the word "institution" to "schools or degree programs" to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.5

The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.6

The proposed regulation establishes language that Board approval of schools or degree programs match the level of approval granted by the AVMA. Matching the level of approval will help alleviate confusion by students. The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.7

The proposed language exempts AVMA schools or degree programs from initial inspections because they have previously undergone an AVMA inspection for their initial approval but allows the Board to conduct re-approval inspections if it is determined necessary in law. The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.8

The proposed language specifically changes violations “of this chapter” to “violations against any part of the Practice Act” for accuracy. The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR Section 2065.8.1

The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.8.2

The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR section 2065.8.3

The proposed regulation changes the word “institution” to “schools or degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Amend CCR Section 2065.9

The proposed regulation adds “degree programs” to make the wording consistent and more accurate throughout the regulation.

Adopt CCR section 2066

The proposed regulation establishes language to include out-of-state AVMA accredited RVT schools or degree programs as Board approved and requires out of state minimum educational requirement candidates prove the education received is equivalent to the educational requirements in Section 2065(a) and 2065(b).

Adopt CCR section 2066.1

The proposed regulation establishes language to allow candidates an alternate path to licensure by meeting the requirements in courses relevant to veterinary medicine and/or veterinary technology.

### Underlying Data

1. Registered Veterinary Technician Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 2009, October 2009, January 2010 and March 2010.
2. Veterinary Medical Board Meeting Minutes dated July, 2010.

### Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This initial determination is based on the following facts or evidence/documents/testimony:

This regulatory proposal ensures all AVMA accredited programs are accepted by California as Board approved, allows the Board to approve curriculum at trade-specific postsecondary institutions by utilizing AVMA approval, ensures these schools and degree programs teach minimum academic requirements, and gives authority to the Board to inspect the AVMA approved schools or degree programs after their initial approval.

### Economic Impact Assessment

This regulatory proposal will have the following effects:

The proposed language clarifies and makes specific that California and out-of-state RVT schools or degree programs accredited by the AVMA are accepted as Board approved educational programs and will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California, it will not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within the State of California, it will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California, it does not affect worker safety, and does not affect the state's environment.

The proposed language benefits the health and welfare of California residents because RVT students/graduates benefit with the change in language by ensuring all AVMA accredited programs are accept by California as Board approved.

### Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

### Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulatory proposal would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective or less burdensome to affected private persons and equally effective in achieving the purposes of the regulation in a manner that ensures full compliance with the law being implemented or made specific.