



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE** April 9, 2013

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**TO** Veterinary Medical Board

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**FROM** Sue Geranen Executive Officer  
DCA/Veterinary Medical Board

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**SUBJECT** **Proposed VTNE Transition Regulations**

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**Background:**

The Board discussed and amended the proposed VTNE Transition regulations at its January 2013 meeting. They directed staff to forward the amendments, including their RVT reciprocity discussion, to the RVT Task Force for discussion at their March 2013 meeting.

The RVT Task Force discussed and made amendments to the VTNE Transition regulations, including proposed language for RVT reciprocity candidates, at their March 2013 meeting.

**Action Requested:**

Review and consider adoption of the proposed VTNE transition regulations.

Proposed Regulatory Changes - 3/2013

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

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

**2002. Definitions.**

For the purposes of the rules and regulations contained in this chapter, the term “board” means the Veterinary Medical Board; ~~the term “committee” means the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee;~~ the term “code” means the Business and Professions Code, and the term “client” means any person for whom veterinary medical services are performed or to whom veterinary medical products or services are sold or provided.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4800 and 4832, Business and Professions Code.

**2010. Application.**

(a) An application for eligibility evaluation for the California state board examination shall be submitted to the board at its principal place of business on an application form and pursuant to instructions prescribed and provided by the board, ~~(Veterinary Application, Form No. 25A-1, Rev. 9/2010; Veterinary Application Instructions, Rev. 9/2010),~~ [Remove due to transition to Breeze] accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as therein required. The Board shall complete the eligibility evaluation and notify the candidate of eligibility and/or status.

Once eligibility is established, the candidate will be authorized to take the computer based California State Board examination. If an applicant fails their first scheduled examination, the applicant must reapply by submitting to the board required application forms and fees.

(b) An application for eligibility evaluation for the national veterinary technician examination and the California registered veterinary technician examination shall be submitted on an application form and pursuant to instructions prescribed and provided by the board, ~~(Registered Veterinary Technician Application, Form No. 26A-1, Rev. 9/2010; Registered Veterinary Technician Application Instructions, Rev. 9/2010),~~ [Remove due to transition to Breeze] accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as therein required. The Board shall complete the eligibility evaluation and notify the candidate of eligibility and/or status.

Once eligibility is established, the candidate will be authorized to take the computer based national veterinary technician examination and the California registered veterinary technician examination. If an applicant fails their first scheduled examination, the applicant must reapply by submitting to the board required application forms and fees.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4841.5 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

### **2010.1. Eligibility Evaluation - National Veterinarian Examination.**

All applicants applying for eligibility evaluation for the national veterinarian examination shall submit an application and required supporting documents to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

(a) Applicants from an American Veterinary Medical Association AVMA accredited college of veterinary medicine must submit proof of senior status and of being within eight months of graduation.

(b) Applicants from a veterinary college not recognized by the board shall submit supporting documents to substantiate either:

1. certificate of completion of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates program (ECFVG) or
2. certificate of completion of the Program for Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE).

(c) Upon the determination of an applicant's eligibility for the national veterinarian examination, the AAVSB shall notify the applicant of his or her eligibility to take the national veterinarian examination and transmit the applicant's eligibility information to the National Board Examination Committee or its authorized representative.

(d) All applicants with current and valid eligibility on file with the AAVSB may make proper application to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or its authorized representative for the national veterinarian examination.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4846.1 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

### **2010.2. Eligibility Evaluation - National Veterinary Technician Examination.**

Upon the determination of an applicant's eligibility for the national veterinary technician examination, the board shall notify the candidate and the AAVSB of the applicant's eligibility to take the national veterinary technician examination and transmit the applicant's eligibility information to the AAVSB or its authorized representative.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4846.1 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

### **2014. Veterinary Licensing Examination.**

(a) The veterinary licensing examination shall consist of a national veterinarian examination, a California state board examination, and the veterinary medicine practice act examination which shall be referred to as the veterinary law examination.

(b) Subject to the provisions of section 2015, every applicant who obtains a passing score determined by the Angoff criterion-referenced method of establishing the pass point in the

national veterinarian examination shall be deemed to have passed the national examination. Such a passing score may vary moderately with changes in test composition.

(c) Every applicant who obtains a passing score determined by the Angoff criterion-referenced method of establishing the pass point in the California state board examination shall be deemed to have passed the California state board examination. Such a passing score may vary moderately with changes in test composition.

(d) Every applicant who obtains a score of at least 80% on the veterinary law examination shall be deemed to have passed that examination.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4848, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2014.1 Veterinary Technician Licensing Examination.**

(a) The registered veterinary technician licensing examination shall consist of the national veterinary technician examination and a California registered veterinary technician examination.

(b) Every applicant who obtains a passing score determined by the Angoff criterion-referenced method of establishing the pass point on the national veterinary technician examination and on the California registered veterinary technician examination shall be deemed to have passed the California state board veterinary technician examination. Such a passing score may vary moderately with changes in test composition.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4841.4, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2015. Examinations Credit.**

(a) An applicant for licensure as a veterinarian who passes the national veterinarian examination, the California state board examination and the veterinary law examination within the sixty month period immediately following the date of the administration of the initial examination and receiving a passing score shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for licensure.

(b) Where an applicant for licensure as a veterinarian fails to pass the national veterinarian examination, the California state board examination, and the veterinary law examination within the specified sixty month period, the applicant shall be required to retake and pass all those examinations.

(c) An applicant for registration as a registered veterinary technician who passes the national veterinary technician examination and the California registered veterinary technician examination within the sixty month period immediately following the date of the administration of the initial examination and receiving a passing score shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for registration.

~~(c)~~ (d) An Any applicant who has failed an examination or who has failed to pass all required examinations within the specified ~~60~~ sixty month period may apply to be re-examined at a subsequent examination.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 135 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

### **2015.1. Substantially Similar Examinations; Conditional Credit.**

(a) An applicant for licensure as a veterinarian who has taken the national veterinarian examination out of state and has achieved a score on such examination at least equal to the score required to pass the national examination under Section 2014, shall receive conditional credit for that examination.

(b) Applicants for licensure as a veterinarian receiving conditional examination credit in accordance with this section shall complete the national veterinarian examination, the California state board examination, and the veterinary law examination within the sixty month period immediately following the date of the examination for which conditional credit has been granted. Where the remaining examinations are passed within the specified time, the applicant shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for licensure.

(c) Where an applicant for licensure as a veterinarian, specified in this section, fails to pass the national veterinarian examination, the California state board examination, ~~and~~ or the veterinary law examination within the specified time, the board shall withdraw all conditional examination credit granted during this period and the applicant shall be required to retake and pass all those examinations.

(d) Applicants for registration as a registered veterinary technician receiving conditional examination credit in accordance with this section shall complete the national veterinary technician examination and the California registered veterinary technician examination within the sixty month period immediately following the date of the examination for which conditional credit has been granted. Where the remaining examinations are passed within the specified time, the applicant shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for registration.

(e) Where an applicant for registration as a registered veterinary technician, specified in this section, fails to pass the national veterinary technician examination or the California registered veterinary technician examination within the specified time, the board shall withdraw all conditional examination credit granted during this period and the applicant shall be required to retake and pass all those examinations.

(f) In lieu of passing the national veterinary technician examination and the California registered veterinary technician examination within a 60 month period, an applicant for registration as a registered veterinary technician shall be eligible for the California registered veterinary technician examination provided such applicant meets the requirements outlined in Section 2068.6.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 135, 4841.1 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

### **2015.3. California Registered Veterinary Technician Examination.**

(a) The California registered veterinary technician examination shall be a computer based examination and administered by the board. [Is this subsection necessary? Similarly stated in 2010 (b)]

(b) Notwithstanding section 2010, an application to take the California registered veterinary technician examination may be submitted at any time the applicant has met the requirements, in accordance with these regulations, to take such examination.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4841.1, Business and Professions Code.

#### **2068.6. Practical Experience-Out of State Registration As Equivalent Curriculum.**

~~In lieu of a two-year curriculum in registered veterinary technology, an~~ An applicant shall be eligible for the California registered veterinary technician examination provided such applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) The applicant is licensed, certified, or registered as a veterinary technician in ~~one or more states~~ the United States, Canada or U.S. territory in which the board has determined that he or she has taken and passed a licensing the national veterinary technician examination(s) or an examination equivalent to the written examination last given required in California and has achieved a score on the examination(s) at least equal to the score required to pass the California examination. **Taken only the VTNE or VTNE or state equivalent?**

(b) The applicant has obtained at least 4416 hours, completed in no less than 24 months, of directed clinical practice, under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the United States, Canada or U.S. territory.

(c) The directed clinical practice shall have provided the applicant with knowledge, skills and abilities in the areas of communication with clients, patient examinations, emergency procedures, laboratory procedures, diagnostic imaging, surgical assisting, anesthesia, animal nursing, nutrition, dentistry, animal behavior and pharmacology. The supervising veterinarian(s) shall complete a check list attesting to proficiency in specific skill areas within the preceding categories.

(d) The board determines that no disciplinary action has been taken against the applicant by any public agency concerned with the practice of animal health care and that the applicant has not been the subject of adverse civil or criminal judgments resulting from the practice of animal health care which the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of incompetency or negligence.

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

#### **2071. Application, Registration and Renewal Fees for Registered Veterinary Technicians.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4842.5 of the code, the following fees are fixed by the board for licensing periods beginning on or after March 1, 2012:

(a) The application eligibility review fee ~~for the registered veterinary technician examination~~ shall be \$125.00.

~~(b) The fee for the registered veterinary technician examination shall be \$175.00.~~

(b) The fee for the California registered veterinary technician examination shall be \$125. [Fee? This is a PSI administered exam]

(c) The initial registration fee for registrations issued for one year or more from the date on which it will expire shall be \$140.00. The initial registration fee for registrations issued for less than one year shall be \$70.00.

(d) The biennial renewal fee shall be \$140.00.

(e) The delinquency fee shall be \$25.00.

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