

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
DIVISION 20. VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

California Exams, CE, Temp. Licenses, and Veterinary Premises

Changes to the regulatory language are shown in ~~single strikethrough~~ for deleted text and single underline for added text.

Amend sections 2014, 2015, 2015.1, and 2015.2 and repeal sections 2009, 2010, 2014.1, 2016, and 2020 of article 2, repeal article 2.5 (sections 2021, 2021.1, 2021.3, 2021.4, 2021.5, 2021.6, 2021.7, 2021.8, 2021.8A, 2021.9, and 2021.10), amend section 2068.6 of article 6, and amend section 2086.4 of article 10 of division 20 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) as follows:

**ARTICLE 2.
EXAMINATION AND LICENSING**

~~§ 2009. — Registered Veterinary Technicians.~~

~~Section 2014 of this article shall not apply to applicants for registration as a registered veterinary technician.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4839, 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), 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 a 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 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) 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 veterinary technician examination. If an applicant fails a 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.~~

§ 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 under section 2015 of this article, 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~~4846~~, Business and Professions Code.

~~§ 2014.1. Veterinary Technician Registration Examination.~~

- ~~(a) The veterinary technician registration examination shall consist of the national veterinary technician examination and a California veterinary technician examination.~~
- ~~(b) Subject to the provisions under section 2015 of this article, 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 veterinary technician examination shall be deemed to have passed the national veterinary technician examination and the California 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 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 veterinary technician who passes the national veterinary technician examination ~~and the California veterinary technician examination~~ within the sixty month period immediately following the date of the administration of the initial examination shall be deemed to have met the examination requirements for registration.
- (d) Where an applicant for registration as a veterinary technician fails to pass the national veterinary technician examination ~~and the California veterinary technician examination~~ within the specified sixty month period, the applicant shall be required to retake and pass ~~these~~the examinations.

- (e) Any applicant who has failed an examination or who has failed to pass all required examinations within the specified 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, 4841.4 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 of this article~~, 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 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) An applicant for registration as a veterinary technician who has taken the national veterinary technician 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 2014.1 of this article~~, shall receive conditional credit for that examination.
- (e) Applicants for registration as a veterinary technician receiving conditional examination credit in accordance with this section shall complete the national veterinary technician examination ~~and the California 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.

- (f) Where an applicant for registration as a veterinary technician, specified in this section, fails to pass the national veterinary technician examination ~~and the California 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 those examinations.
- (g) In lieu of passing the national veterinary technician examination ~~and the California veterinary technician examination~~ within a sixty month period, an applicant for registration as a veterinary technician shall be eligible for the California veterinary technician ~~examination~~ registration 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, 4841.4 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2015.2. Veterinary Law Examination.

- ~~(a) The veterinary law examination shall be administered by mail. Applicants taking the veterinary law examination shall return the completed examination to the board within 40 days of its date of mailing by the board. Failure to return a completed veterinary law examination to the board within the prescribed time shall cause the applicant to be deemed to have failed the examination and the applicant shall be required to re-apply and re-take the examination.~~
- ~~(b) An applicant who is a University of California or Western University of Health Sciences veterinary medical student who has successfully completed a course on veterinary law and ethics covering the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act shall be exempt from having to take the veterinary law examination upon providing documentation from the course provider that the applicant has successfully completed such a course.~~
- ~~(c) Notwithstanding section 2010, an application to take the veterinary law examination may be submitted at any time the applicant has met the requirements, in accordance with these regulations, to take such examination.~~
- ~~(d) An applicant applying for a temporary license pursuant to section 4848(b) shall be eligible to take the veterinary law examination upon meeting the requirements of section 4848(b)(1)-(3).~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section ~~4848~~4846, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2016. — Temporary Licensee; Application for a Regular Renewable License.

~~When applying for a regular renewable license, pursuant to section 4848(c), a temporary licensee shall certify in writing and provide a certificate of completion from a provider of an approved California curriculum that the applicant has completed successfully the California curriculum as set forth in this article.~~

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

§ 2020. — Examination Appeal.

- ~~(a) Within forty-five (45) days after the date notice of the results of the examination has been given to the applicant, an applicant who was unsuccessful in the California state board examination or the registered veterinary technician examination may appeal to the Board.~~
- ~~(b) The appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Board's principal office; and it shall state the specific reasons for such appeal.~~
- ~~(c) The executive officer to the Board may deny an appeal requesting a review of an examination that is not accompanied by information supporting the reasons for such request or is not filed within the appeal period stated in subsection (a).~~
- ~~(d) Only appeals concerning the format of the examination, computer grading errors or conditions at the examination site will be considered by the Board.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4849, Business and Professions Code.
Reference cited: Section 4849, Business and Professions Code.~~

**ARTICLE 2.5
TEMPORARY LICENSES**

§ 2021. — Temporary License Definitions.

~~For purposes of this article and the provisions of sections 4848 and 4848.3 of the code relating to temporary licenses:~~

- ~~(a) "Year of full time clinical veterinary medical practice" shall mean that the applicant for a temporary license has performed clinical veterinary medicine at least 46 weeks in a calendar year and averaged 32 hours per week.~~

- (b) ~~“Temporary licensee” shall mean a holder of a temporary license issued pursuant to section 4848(b) of the code.~~
- (c) ~~“Temporary licensee intern” or “intern” shall mean a holder of a temporary license issued pursuant to section 4848.3 of the code.~~
- (d) ~~“Good standing” as used in reference to a California licensed veterinarian shall mean that the veterinarian:~~
- ~~(1) Is not currently under investigation or has not been charged with an offense for any act substantially related to the practice of veterinary medicine by any public agency, nor entered into any consent agreement or subject to an administrative decision that contains conditions placed by an agency upon the veterinarian’s professional conduct or practice, including any voluntary surrender of license, nor been the subject of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice of veterinary medicine that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of incompetence or negligence.~~
 - ~~(2) Has no physical or mental impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or has not been found mentally incompetent by a physician so that the veterinarian is unable to undertake the practice of veterinary medicine in a manner consistent with the safety of a patient or the public.~~
- (e) (1) ~~“Supervision”, shall mean that the supervisor of a temporary licensee or temporary licensee intern is ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of veterinary services performed by the temporary licensee is consistent with that which is ordinarily provided by veterinarians in good standing, practicing in this state, under similar circumstances and conditions; reviewing client/patient records, monitoring and evaluating diagnosis, and treatment decisions of the temporary licensee; monitoring and evaluating the ability of the temporary licensee to provide the services where he or she will be practicing and to the particular clientele being served; and ensuring compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine.~~
- (2) ~~Supervision shall include at least one face-to-face observation and review by the supervisor of the temporary licensee’s veterinary services per week which shall be documented and maintained by the supervisor.~~
- (3) ~~Supervision shall include the establishment of a protocol where the supervisor or another designated California licensed veterinarian in good standing are available to the temporary licensee in the event of an emergency or a need arises for a consultation.~~

(f) ~~“Direct supervision” shall mean that the supervisor of a temporary licensee intern has complied with the provisions of subdivision (e)(1) of this section, and all of the following:~~

(1) ~~When the supervising board-certified specialist is not physically on-site where the intern is performing veterinary medical services, the supervisor shall be available by telephone for consultation with the intern or has designated another board-certified specialist to be available at the site or by telephone for consultation with the intern, and~~

(2) ~~The supervisor or another board-certified specialist conducts daily face-to-face observation and review of the intern’s veterinary medical services.~~

~~If a board-certified specialist is unavailable to conduct the daily face-to-face review of the intern’s veterinary medical services, the supervisor may order that such a review be performed by a California licensed veterinarian in good standing who is not a board-certified specialist for a period not to exceed fourteen consecutive days.~~

(g) ~~A “qualifying internship or residency program,” within the meaning of section 4848.3 shall mean that the program undergoes annual evaluation and has been approved by the California Veterinary Medical Association (“CVMA”) in accordance with its publication entitled “Internship and Residency Approval Program” dated April 10, 2007. If an evaluation results in the withdrawal of approval by the CVMA, the internship or residency program shall no longer be deemed to be a qualifying internship or residency program.~~

(h) ~~“Board-certified” shall mean a veterinarian who possesses a current and valid regular renewable license to practice veterinary medicine in this state and holds a current and valid certification from the American Veterinary Medical Association in one of the following specialties: anesthesiology, dentistry, dermatology, emergency and critical care, internal medicine (all specialties), ophthalmology, radiology, surgery and theriogenology.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4848 and 4848.3, Business and Professions Code.~~

~~§ 2021.1. — Temporary Licenses; Notification of Supervisor.~~

(a) ~~A temporary license shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the twelfth month following its issuance.~~

(b) ~~A temporary license issued pursuant to sections 4848 or 4848.3 shall not be renewable and shall be in effect until its expiration date or a regular renewable~~

~~license to practice veterinary medicine is issued by the board, whichever first occurs.~~

- ~~(c) A person applying for a temporary license pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 4848 of the code shall include with the application, on forms VMB-1 (7-30-99) and VMB-1A (7-30-99) provided by the board, the name and license number of the veterinarian who is to be temporary licensee's supervisor which is accompanied by a signed acknowledgment from the supervisor that he or she read and agrees to comply with the provisions of the board's laws relating to the supervision of a temporary licensee.~~
- ~~(d) A person applying for a temporary license pursuant to section 4848.3 of the code shall include with the application for a temporary license a certification from the California Veterinary Medical Association that the internship or residency program in which the applicant is enrolled has been approved as a qualifying internship or residency program. The application shall also include a signed statement from the manager of the internship or residency program which identifies the program, acknowledges that the applicant has been accepted into the program and that the program complies with the provisions of the board's laws relating to qualifying internships or residency programs.~~
- ~~(e) A temporary licensee or temporary licensee intern who fails to comply with the laws and regulations relating to temporary licenses shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4848, 4848.3 and 4883, Business and Professions Code.~~

~~§ 2021.3. California Curriculum - Content.~~

- ~~(a) The California curriculum shall be presented face-to-face in the state.~~
- ~~(b) The California curriculum shall be at least 26 hours in length and its content shall include the following subjects:~~
 - ~~(1) Practicing Veterinary Medicine in California - 4 hours~~
 - ~~(A) The Animal Industry in California~~
 - ~~1. Size & Economic Importance~~
 - ~~(a) Food Animals~~
 - ~~(b) Pets~~

~~2. Popular Species~~

~~3. Common Wildlife~~

~~(a) Special Treatment & Safety Concerns~~

~~(B) Standards of Practice in California~~

~~1. Ethical Considerations~~

~~2. Medical Quality~~

~~3. Premises~~

~~(C) Large Scale Disasters – Role of the Veterinarian~~

~~1. Earthquakes~~

~~2. Floods~~

~~3. Fires~~

~~(D) Common Vaccination Protocols~~

~~1. Pets~~

~~2. Horses~~

~~3. Food Animal~~

~~(2) Regulatory Agencies – 5 hours~~

~~(A) Veterinary Medical Board~~

~~(B) California Occupational Safety & Health Administration (Cal/OSHA)~~

~~(C) Department of Health Services~~

~~1. Rabies Control Regulations~~

~~2. Radiation Safety~~

~~3. Medical Waste Management~~

~~(D) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Health Certificate Requirements~~

- ~~1. Accreditation Process/Requirements~~
- ~~2. Health Certificate Requirements (Returned if incomplete)~~
- ~~(E) Board of Pharmacy~~
 - ~~1. Food-Animal Drug Retailers (Business & Professions Code Article 15)~~
 - ~~2. Dangerous Drugs (Business & Professions Codes 4022)~~
- ~~(F) Department of Fish & Game~~
 - ~~1. Prohibited Species~~
 - ~~2. Exotic, Threatened & Endangered Species~~
 - ~~3. Requirements to Treat~~
 - ~~4. Rehabilitation Facilities~~
- ~~(G) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)~~
 - ~~1. Hazardous Waste Disposal~~
- ~~(H) Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)/California Department of Justice, Narcotics Enforcement~~
 - ~~1. State Scheduled Drugs~~
- ~~(I) California Department of Food & Agriculture~~
 - ~~1. Regulatory Activities~~
 - ~~2. Disaster Preparedness & Response~~
- ~~(3) Zoonotic Diseases/Cross Species Diseases (obtaining diagnostic samples, making a diagnosis, treatment protocols and prevention) – 3 hours~~
 - ~~(A) Viral: Rabies, Hantavirus~~
 - ~~(B) Bacterial: feline leprosy (Mycobacterium lepraemurium), Bubonic plague (Yersinia pestis)~~

- (C) ~~Parasitic: Ascariasis (Toxocara canis, cati, leonina), cerebrospinalnematodiasis or meningoencephalitis, (Baylisascaris procyonis) viscerallarva migrans (Toxocara canis)~~
- (D) ~~Fungal: Cryptococcosis (Cryptococcus neoformans), Coccidioidomycosis (Coccidioides immitis)~~
- (E) ~~Rickettsial: Ehrlichiosis (ehrlichia canis), Q-fever (coxiella burnetti), Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (rickettsia rickettsii)~~
- (4) ~~Diseases Associated with the California Environment (obtaining diagnostic samples, making a diagnosis, treatment protocols and prevention) – 4 hours~~
 - (A) ~~Dangerous Plants: Foxtails~~
 - (B) ~~Poisonous Plants: Black Walnut, Bracken Fern, Fiddleneck, Mushrooms, Oak Bud, Oleander, Senecia, Yellow Star Thistle, Other Poisonous Plants~~
 - (C) ~~Poisonous Snakes, Insects, Chemicals~~
 - 1. ~~Rattlesnake~~
 - 2. ~~Africanized Bee~~
 - 3. ~~Snail Bait~~
 - 4. ~~Strychnine Poisoning~~
 - (D) ~~Sand Colic in Horses~~
 - (E) ~~Sun Stroke, Hyperthermia, Nasal Solar Dermatitis/Squamous Cell Carcinoma~~
- (5) ~~Regionally Important Diseases of Pets in California (obtaining diagnostic samples, making a diagnosis, treatment protocols and prevention) – 3 hours~~
 - (A) ~~Dermatitis (flea allergy, atopy, pyoderma, demodicosis, sarcopticmange)~~
 - (B) ~~Parvovirus~~
 - (C) ~~Ehrlichiosis~~
 - (D) ~~Protozoan: (Salmon poisoning)~~
 - (E) ~~Thelaziasis~~

- ~~(F) Intestinal parasites (tapeworm, hookworm, coccidia, giardia, roundworm, whipworm)~~
- ~~(6) Regionally/Economically Important Diseases of Food Animals (obtaining diagnostic samples, making a diagnosis, treatment protocols and prevention) – 5 hours~~
- ~~(A) Anaplasmosis~~
 - ~~(B) Anthrax~~
 - ~~(C) Bluetongue~~
 - ~~(D) Botulism~~
 - ~~(E) Bovine Viral Diarrhea~~
 - ~~(F) Campylobacteriosis~~
 - ~~(G) Corynebacterium abscess~~
 - ~~(H) E coli 0157~~
 - ~~(I) Foothill Abortion~~
 - ~~(J) Johne's disease~~
 - ~~(K) Leptospirosis~~
 - ~~(L) Mastitis~~
 - ~~(M) Neosporosis~~
 - ~~(N) Red Water disease~~
 - ~~(O) Selenium & Copper deficiencies~~
 - ~~(P) Trichinellosis~~
 - ~~(Q) Trichomoniasis~~
- ~~(7) Regionally/Economically Important Diseases of Horses in California (obtaining diagnostic samples, making a diagnosis, treatment protocols and prevention) – 2 hours~~

- (A) ~~Botulism~~
- (B) ~~Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis abscess~~
- (C) ~~Enteroliths~~
- (D) ~~Ehrlichiosis~~
- (E) ~~Western Equine Encephalomyelitis~~

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

§ 2021.4. — Criteria for Provider Approval.

- (a) ~~In order to obtain board approval for the California curriculum, the provider of such a curriculum shall submit to the board an application for course approval, which contains the following information:~~
 - (1) ~~The provider's name, address, telephone number and contact person.~~
 - (2) ~~Course title, dates, and locations.~~
 - (3) ~~A course outline, course description, and instructor information and qualifications.~~
- (b) ~~If the board approves a provider's California curriculum, the board shall issue an identification number for the provider's California curriculum.~~

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

§ 2021.5. — Approved Curriculum.

- (a) ~~If there will be no changes to the content or the instructor of a previously approved curriculum, the provider shall not be required to obtain board approval to teach the same curriculum at a subsequent time and place.~~
- (b) ~~Any changes in the content of or instructor(s) for an approved curriculum shall require prior approval of the board. A request to change the content of or the instructor(s) for an approved curriculum shall be received by the board at least 10 days before the curriculum begins.~~
- (c) ~~The board may audit, during reasonable business hours, an approved provider's records and courses related to the California curriculum.~~

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

~~§ 2021.6.— Approved Providers.~~

- ~~(a) A provider of an approved California curriculum shall keep the following records for a period of four (4) years from the date that an approved curriculum was completed:~~
 - ~~(1) Course outlines of each approved curriculum given.~~
 - ~~(2) Record of time and place of each approved curriculum given.~~
 - ~~(3) Course instructor curriculum vitae or resumes.~~
 - ~~(4) The attendance record for each approved curriculum which shows the name, signature and, if applicable, license number of the person taking the course and a record of any certificates issued to them.~~
- ~~(b) Providers of approved curriculums shall issue, within 10 days of the conclusion of an approved curriculum, to each participant who has completed the course, a certificate of completion, which contains the following information:~~
 - ~~(1) Provider's name and provider identification number.~~
 - ~~(2) Course title.~~
 - ~~(3) Participant's name, and if applicable, his or her temporary license number.~~
 - ~~(4) Date and location of course.~~

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

~~§ 2021.7.— Instructors.~~

- ~~(a) It shall be the responsibility of each provider to use qualified instructors.~~
- ~~(b) Instructors teaching approved curriculum shall have the following minimum qualifications:~~
 - ~~(1) Hold a current regular renewable license to practice veterinary medicine in this state and is in good standing or is a bona fide instructor at an AVMA approved school in this state, and~~
 - ~~(2) be knowledgeable, current, and skillful in the subject matter of the curriculum.~~

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

~~§ 2021.8. Denial, Withdrawal and Appeal of Approval.~~

- ~~(a) The board may withdraw its approval of a course or deny an application approval for unprofessional conduct by the provider of the course, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - ~~(1) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the activities of a provider.~~
 - ~~(2) Failure to comply with any provision of Chapter 11 (commencing with section 4800), Division 2 of the Code or Division 20 (commencing with section 2000) of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.~~
 - ~~(3) Any material misrepresentation of fact by a provider or applicant in any information required to be submitted to the board shall be grounds for withdrawal or denial of an application.~~~~
- ~~(b) The board may withdraw its approval of a provider and its curriculum after giving the provider written notice setting forth its reasons for withdrawal and after giving the provider an opportunity to be heard by the board or its designee.~~
- ~~(c) Should the board deny approval of a provider or a course request, the applicant may appeal the action by filing a letter stating the reason(s) for appeal with the board. The letter of appeal shall be filed with the board within 10 days of the mailing of the applicant's notification of the board's denial. The appeal shall be considered by the board or its designee. In the event that the board or its designee considers the appeal after the date of the course for which the appeal is being made, a retroactive approval maybe granted.~~

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

~~§ 2021.8A. Processing Times for Provider and Course Request Applications.~~

- ~~(a) (1) The board shall inform a provider seeking approval of its California curriculum within ten (10) days from receipt of an application of its decision whether the application is complete and accepted for filing or is deficient and what specific information is required.~~
- ~~(2) Once an application is "complete," the board shall inform a provider seeking approval of its California curriculum within 30 days after completion of the application of its decision whether the curriculum meets the requirements for~~

approval and is approved. "Completion of the application" means that a completed application form together with all required information, and documentation has been received by the board.

- (3) The minimum, median, and maximum processing times for a provider seeking approval of its California curriculum from the time of receipt of a completed application until the board makes a decision is set forth below:

Minimum	=	One (1) day
Median	=	Fifteen (15) days
Maximum	=	Thirty (30) days

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code and Section 15376, Government Code. Reference: Section 15376, Government Code.

§ 2021.9. Requirements for Supervisors.

- (a) The supervisor of a temporary licensee or temporary licensee intern shall comply with the requirements set forth below:
- (1) The supervisor shall possess and maintain a current, valid California license as veterinarian.
 - (2) The supervisor shall keep himself informed of developments in the practice of veterinary medicine and in California law governing the practice of veterinary medicine.
 - (3) The supervisor shall possess and maintain a current license in good standing and shall notify immediately the temporary licensee or intern of any disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, revocation or suspension, even if stayed, probation terms, inactive license status, or lapse in licensure, that affects the supervisor's ability or right to supervise.
 - (4) The supervisor shall comply with the laws and regulations governing the supervision of a temporary licensee or intern.
 - (5) The supervisor of a temporary licensee shall be an owner, principal or employee of the veterinary practice employing the temporary licensee.
 - (6) The supervisor of a temporary licensee shall notify the board, in writing, within 10 days of the termination of his or her supervisorial relationship with the temporary licensee.

- (7) ~~The supervisor of a temporary licensee intern shall notify the board, in writing, within 10 days of the termination of the intern's participation in the internship or residency program.~~
- (b) ~~Upon written request of the board, the supervisor shall provide to the board any documentation which verifies the supervisor's compliance with the requirements set forth in this section.~~
- (c) ~~A supervisor who fails to comply with the laws and regulations relating to the supervision of a temporary licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4848, 4848.3, 4856 and 4883, Business and Professions Code.~~

~~§ 2021.10. Notification of Change of Supervisor.~~

- (a) ~~If the supervisory relationship between the supervisor and the temporary licensee has been terminated, the temporary licensee shall not perform any veterinary services for which a license is required until he or she has submitted to the board, in writing, the name and license number of another veterinarian who is to be the temporary licensee's supervisor which is accompanied by a signed acknowledgment from the new supervisor that he or she has read and agrees to comply with the provisions of the board's laws relating to the supervision of temporary licensees.~~

~~A supervisor who is unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee for four (4) or more consecutive weeks shall be deemed to have terminated the supervisory relationship.~~

~~The temporary licensee shall notify the board, in writing, within ten (10) days of any termination of the supervisory relationship.~~

- (b) ~~If a supervisor will be unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee for seven (7) or more consecutive days, the supervisor shall make arrangements for a California licensed veterinarian in good standing to supervise the temporary licensee in the supervisor's absence. The temporary supervisor shall comply with the provisions of section 2021.9.~~

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

**ARTICLE 6.
REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

§ 2068.6. Out of State Registration As Equivalent.

An applicant shall be eligible for the California veterinary technician ~~examination~~registration provided such applicant meets the following requirements:

- (a) The applicant is licensed, certified, or registered as a veterinary technician in the United States, Canada or U.S. territory in good standing, as defined in Section 4848 (b) (1) (A) and (B) of Business and Professions Code, in which the board has determined that he or she has passed the national veterinary technician examination or an examination equivalent to the written examination last required in California.
- (b) The applicant has obtained at least 4,416 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 and 4848, Business and Professions Code.

**ARTICLE 10.
CONTINUING EDUCATION: VETERINARY TECHNICIAN**

§ 2086.4. Continuing Education Credit.

- (a) Registrants will earn one hour of continuing education credit for each hour of a qualifying course. One credit hour shall consist of not less than 50 minutes of actual

instruction. Qualifying course shall be a minimum of one credit hour. Qualifying courses or presentations that are between 25 and 49 minutes in excess of one hour shall be granted credit in half-hour increments.

- (b) One academic quarter unit is equal to 10 hours of continuing education credit and one academic semester unit is equal to 15 hours of continuing education credit.
- (c) A registrant who teaches a qualifying continuing education course may claim credit for the course only one time during a renewal period.
- ~~(d) A registrant who participates as an expert examiner in an examination preparation workshop for the California state registration examination may claim, on an hour for hour basis, up to a maximum of sixteen (16) hours per renewal period, continuing education credit for such participation.~~
- (e) A registrant shall not be allowed to use, for purposes of renewal, more than 15 hours of continuing education credit for courses in business practice management or stress seminars.
- (f) A registrant who takes a course as a condition of probation resulting from disciplinary action by the board may not apply the course as credit towards the continuing education requirement.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4838, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 4838, Business and Professions Code.