

A Model Practice Act Wording

SECTION I. TITLE

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Model Practice Act."

SECTION II. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE

The practice of veterinary technology is a privilege granted by legislative authority to maintain public health, safety and welfare and to protect the public from being misled by unauthorized individuals.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

When used in the text that follows, except where otherwise indicated by context, the words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

1. Animal - Any mammalian animal other than man, and any avian, amphibian, fish or reptile, wild or domestic
2. Board - The _____ State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or Board of Governors
3. Veterinary Technology - The science and art of providing all aspects of professional medical care and treatment for animals with the exception of diagnosis, prognosis, surgery, and prescription
4. Emergency - When an animal has been placed in a life-threatening condition and immediate treatment is necessary to sustain life; or where death is imminent and action is necessary to relieve pain or suffering
5. Licensed Veterinarian - An individual who is validly and currently licensed by the Board to practice veterinary medicine in _____
6. Veterinary Technician (Licensed, Registered, or Certified) - An individual who has graduated from a veterinary technology program that is accredited according to the standards adopted by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities and who has passed the examination requirements as prescribed by the Board in _____, shall be known as a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician.

SECTION IV. TASKS

Certain tasks may be performed ONLY by a licensed veterinarian OR licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician under the direction, supervision, and control of a veterinarian licensed to practice in the state of _____.

See the Rules and Regulations Document for a list of tasks.

SECTION V. EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION

Veterinary technicians applying for licensure, registration, or certification shall be required to pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination, with scores as set by the Board prior to licensure, registration, or certification.

See the Rules and Regulations Section for specifics.

SECTION VI. CONTINUING EDUCATION

All licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technicians shall be required to continue their professional education as a condition of maintenance of his/her status in the state of _____.

See the Rules and Regulations Section for specifics.

SECTION VII. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, OR CERTIFICATIONS

The Board may suspend, revoke, or deny the issuance or renewal of license, registration, or certification of any veterinary technician if after a hearing by his/her peers, has been found guilty of any of the following:

1. Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for license, registration, or certification.
2. Criminal offense relating to veterinary medicine.
3. Any violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act or the Legend Drug Act.
4. Convicted of cruelty to animals.
5. Violation of any of the rules or regulations stated in the Rules and Regulations Document.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

WORDING FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

I. LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ACTIVITIES/TASKS

Levels of supervision defined

1. Immediate supervision - A licensed veterinarian is within direct eyesight and hearing range
2. Direct supervision - A licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is readily available
3. Indirect supervision - A licensed veterinarian is not on the premises, but is able to perform the duties of a licensed veterinarian by maintaining direct communication

The following tasks may be performed ONLY by a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician (or licensed veterinarian) under the direction, supervision and control of a veterinarian licensed to practice in _____, provided said veterinarian makes a daily physical examination of the patient treated:

1. Immediate supervision

- Induction of anesthesia
- Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of a tooth or the resectioning of bone
- Surgical assistance to a licensed veterinarian within the rules and regulations issued by the _____ Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the laws of the state of _____

2. Direct supervision

- Euthanasia
- Blood or blood component collection, preparation and administration
- Application of splints and slings
- Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth

3. Indirect supervision

- Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by parenteral and injectable routes (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous) except when in conflict with government regulations
- Initiation of parenteral fluid administration
- Intravenous catheterizations
- Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures
- Collection of blood; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations
- Routine laboratory test procedures
- Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials
- Other

Services which a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician is competent to perform under the appropriate degree of supervision

Under conditions of emergency, a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician may render the following life-saving aid and treatment:

- Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage
- Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a veterinarian authorized to practice in _____, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal
- Resuscitative procedures
- Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues
- Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases
- External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases

HOWEVER, nothing shall be construed to permit a licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technician to do the following:

- Make any diagnosis or prognosis
- Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances
- Perform surgery

II. EXAMINATIONS

Examinations of applicants for licensure, registration, or certification as a veterinary technician in _____ shall be held at least annually at a time, place, and date set by the Board no later than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled examination

An applicant shall be required to pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) with scores as set by the Board prior to licensure, registration, or certification

III. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

All licensed, registered, or certified veterinary technicians shall be required to continue their professional education as a condition of maintaining his/her license of veterinary technology in the state of _____ with _____ hours of continuing education required annually.

IV. RENEWAL OF VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, OR CERTIFICATIONS

All licenses, registrations, or certifications issued to veterinary technicians in the state of _____ shall expire on _____ of every year unless renewed.

All license, registration, or certification holders shall submit renewal fees and a current mailing address by the dates determined by the Board on a renewal form that shall be provided by the Board and mailed to all license, registration, or certification holders.

All license, registration, or certification holders will be required to submit evidence of the necessary amount of continuing education in the field of veterinary medicine to the Board as required by the Board for license, registration, or certification renewal.

Failure to submit the appropriate license, registration, or certification renewal fee by the dates determined by the Board shall result in forfeiture of all privileges and rights extended by the license, registration, or certification and the license, registration, or certification holder must immediately cease and desist in engaging further in the performance of veterinary technician activities under the _____ Veterinary Practice Act until payment of a delinquency fee in addition to the license, registration, or certification renewal fee had been received by the Board.