

DIVISION 30

CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

875-030-0000

Introduction

Prior to the adoption of these rules, OAR 875-030-0000 through 875-030-0050, the Board referred to the license issued to animal health technicians, pursuant to ORS 686.350 through 686.370 and OAR 875-010-0025, as certificate and to the holders as certified animal health technicians. The Board shall continue to refer to such licenses as certificates, but, from not on, shall refer to the holders as certified veterinary technicians. All individuals who were certified animal health technicians immediately prior to the adoption of these rules shall be considered to be Certified Veterinary Technicians hereafter.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 686.210

Stats. Implemented: ORS 686.350 - 686.370

Hist.: VE 5, f. & ef. 8-3-76; VME 3-1983, f. & ef. 1-21-83; VME 2-1989, f. 8-29-89, cert. ef. 10-1-89; VME 1-1991, f. & cert. ef. 1-24-91; VME 3-1991, f. & cert. ef. 12-9-91; VME 3-1992, f. & cert. ef. 10-9-92; Renumbered from 875-010-0025

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Criteria for Becoming a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT)

In order to become a CVT, an individual must:

- (1) Pass the examinations referred to in OAR 875-030-0020; and
- (2) Hold a certificate in veterinary technology (or a comparable certificate) from a college accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or other program approved by the Board.

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Examinations for Certified Veterinary Technicians

- (1) Applicants for licensure as CVTs shall pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) with a criterion score of 425 or greater. The Board will accept VTNE scores transferred to Oregon through the Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA) if the examination was taken in another state.
- (2) In addition to the VTNE, applicants must successfully complete an open book examination on the Oregon Veterinary Practice Act (ORS 686) with a passing score of at least 95 percent, and the Regional Disease Test, with a passing score of 100 percent.

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0025; VME 2-1996, f. & cert. ef. 11-6-96; VMEB 1-2006, f. & cert. ef. 2-8-06; VMEB 3-2009, f. & cert. ef. 10-15-09; VMEB 2-2011, f. & cert. ef. 3-2-11 11, f. & cert. ef. 3-2-11; VMEB 1-2013, f. & cert. ef. 10-4-13; VMEB 2-2013, f. & cert. ef. 10-29-13

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Issuance of Licenses, Fees, Renewals for Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) Upon filing a complete application and meeting all the criteria of OAR 875-030-0010, the Board will issue the applicant a Certified a Veterinary Technician license.

(2) Each CVT license shall expire on December 31st of each year.

(3) On or about November 1 of each year, the Board will send a renewal application to the last known address of the CVT on file with the Board. CVTs shall keep the Board advised of their address at all times. The Board shall be entitled to rely on its records, regardless of whether the CVT keeps the Board so advised.

(4) CVTs may be renewed annually without re-examination upon timely application. A renewal application accompanied by the annual fee of \$35 must be returned to the Board postmarked no later than December 31st of each year in order to be considered timely filed.

(a) Renewal forms received or postmarked between January 1st and 31st will incur a late fee of \$10.

(b) Renewal forms received or postmarked between February 1st and February 28 or 29 will incur a late fee of \$25.

(c) Renewal forms received or postmarked between March 1st and April 30 will incur a late fee of \$35.

(d) If the CVT license lapses, a 21-month grace period begins. The CVT may renew the license within the 21-month period by paying the maximum delinquent fee and the current annual renewal fee, and by providing documentation of veterinary technician activities, including having completed 15 hours of approved continuing education, during the interim. After 21 months, the license may be revoked and the CVT may have to re-qualify for licensure by taking an examination specified by the board.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 686.255 & 686.350 - 686.370

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Supervision of Certified Veterinary Technicians

(1) All duties of CVTs must be performed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) CVTs may perform the following acts:

(a) Obtain and record information:

(A) Complete admission records, including recording the statements made by the client concerning the patient's problems and history. The CVT may also record the technician's own observations of the patient. However, the CVT cannot state or record his or her opinion concerning diagnosis of the patient;

(B) Maintain daily progress records, surgery logs, X-ray logs, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) logs, and all other routine records as directed by the supervising veterinarian.

(b) Prepare Patients, Instruments, Equipment and Medicant for Surgery:

- (A) Prepare and sterilize surgical packs;
- (B) Clip, surgically scrub, and disinfect the surgical site in preparation for surgery;
- (C) Administer preanesthetic drugs as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;
- (D) Position the patient for anesthesia;
- (E) Induce anesthesia as prescribed by the supervising veterinarian;
- (F) Operate anesthetic machines, oxygen equipment, and monitoring equipment.
- (G) Place an endotracheal tube for the purpose of delivering oxygen and anesthetic gas to the patient requiring inhalant anesthesia.

(c) Collect specimens and perform laboratory procedures:

- (A) Collect urine, feces, sputum, and all other excretions and secretions for laboratory analysis;
- (B) Collect blood samples for laboratory analysis;
- (C) Collect skin scrapings;
- (D) Perform routine laboratory procedures including urinalysis, fecal analyses, hematological and serological examinations.

(d) Apply and remove wound and surgical dressings, casts, and splints;

(e) Assist the veterinarian in diagnostic, medical, and surgical proceedings:

- (A) Monitor and record the patient's vital signs;
- (B) Medically bathe the patient;
- (C) Administer topical, oral hypodermic, and intravenous medication as directed by the supervising veterinarian;
- (D) Operate X-ray equipment and other diagnostic imaging equipment;
- (E) Take electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, and tracings;
- (F) Perform dental prophylaxis, including operating ultrasonic dental instruments pursuant to OAR 875-015-0050.
- (G) Perform extractions under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- (H) Administer rabies vaccine under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- (I) Under direct supervision of a veterinarian, inject or implant a permanent identification device.

(J) Under indirect supervision, carry out an Oregon-licensed veterinarians' home care instructions for duties permitted under OAR 875-030-0040. A valid VCPR must exist in order for a CVT to perform duties under indirect supervision.

(3) CVTs may perform other acts not specifically enumerated herein under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Oregon. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a CVT to do the following:

- (a) Make any diagnosis;
- (b) Prescribe any treatments;
- (c) Perform surgery, except as an assistant to the veterinarian;
- (d) Sign a rabies vaccination or any other animal health certificate.

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Practice Limitations for Individuals not Licensed as Certified Veterinary Technicians

Persons who are not licensed by this Board as CVTs may, under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, perform all acts that a CVT may perform except:

Induce anesthesia, except to place an endotracheal tube to establish an airway in emergencies(OAR 875-030-0040(2)(b)(E);

Operate X-ray equipment unless the person has completed 20 hours training in radiograph safety (2)(b)(G) as required by the Oregon State Health Division (OAR 333);

Perform dental extractions (2)(e)(G);

Administer rabies vaccine (2)(e)(H); and

Inject or implant a permanent identification device(875-030-0040(I)).

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