

West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine
§26-3-1 Registration of Veterinary Technicians
2019-2020

The purpose of the Rule change is to update the Rule and to be in compliance with W. Va. Code §30-1D-1(d) authorizing the Board to promulgate rules which set forth the requirements and procedures for applicant criminal history checks. West Virginia Code §29A-3-19(b) requires the incorporation of a sunset provision in existing rules which are modified after April 1, 2016.

REMOVED:

§26-3-4. Board's Authority.

- Removed because this language is already in §30-10-6. Rule-Making Authority.

§26-3-6. Approved Schools.

- This approved school list is always available online.

§26-3-9. Restrictions.

- Moved this language to §26-3-8. Registered Veterinary Technician Disciplinary Action.

§26-3-10. Removal of Registration

- Moved this language to §26-3-8. Registered Veterinary Technician Disciplinary Action.

§26-3-11. Hearings.

- Removed because this language is already in §26-2A-1. Contested Case Hearing Procedure.

§26-3-13. Renewal requirements.

- Moved this language to §26-3-7. Veterinary Technician Registration Renewal.

§26-3-14. Continuing education.

- Removed this language and added it to §26-3-7. Veterinary Technician Registration Renewal.

§26-3-15. Reinstatement of lapsed.

- Removed this language and added it to §26-3-7. Veterinary Technician Registration Renewal.

MODIFIED:

§26-3-2. Definitions.

- Deleted "direct veterinary supervision" and "external suturing" definition since these words are not located in this Rule.
- Added "Board" definition.

§26-3-3. Registration of Veterinary Technicians.

- Cleaned up the language in this section.

§26-3-54. Applications and Examinations for Veterinary Technicians.

- Changed the title.
- Added required documents for registration.
- Added to approve certified verification forms for application credentials from American Association of Veterinary Boards, AAVSB.
- Added jurisprudence exam eligibility notification.
- Added jurisprudence exam time lines.

§26-3-75. Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Examination Procedure.

- Modified jurisprudence exam procedures since exams are now offered online.

§26-3-86. ~~Title~~ Veterinary Technician Registrations.

- Added registration requirements.

§26-3-127. Veterinary Technician Registration ~~#~~Renewal.

- Added and modified CE requirements to this section.
 - Added laboratory, regulatory, and medical record keeping to the acceptable required CE's.
 - Removed the June exemption for CE's because the jurisprudence exam is now available online and available anytime.
 - New graduates are exempt from CE's the year they graduate.
 - If a licensee is non-compliant with a CE audit, they will be audited the following year.
 - CE hours required in a disciplinary order cannot be used to satisfy renewal requirements
 - Late renewals must submit evidence of completion of CE hours.
- Added inactive status.
- Added reactivation of an inactive status.
- Modified the requirements for expired registration.
- Added notification to the Board no later than 30 days from the action of a conviction of a misdemeanor or felony, and/or disciplinary action by another federal or state agency.

§26-3-8. Registered Veterinary Technician Disciplinary Action.

- Moved §26-3-9. Restrictions to this section
- Added disciplinary reasons
 - Providing fraudulent evidence of qualification.
 - Found to be guilty of fraud or deception in the process of examination.
 - Been convicted of a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude;
 - Has committed gross malpractice negligence, incompetence in the practice of veterinary technology.
 - Has represented himself or herself as a specialist without completing the process of certification in a recognized veterinary technician specialty area.
 - A registrant who is found to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- Added that the Board may assess the costs of the investigation, hearing, hearing examiner, legal fees and all other reasonable and necessary costs incurred by or on behalf of the Board to the veterinary technician who was the subject of the disciplinary action.

§26-3.9. Criminal History Record Check.

- Requiring criminal history record checks for new applicant.