

Veterinary Technician

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Definition of the Practice of Veterinary Technology

The practice of the profession of veterinary technology is defined as the performance of services within the field of veterinary medicine by a person who, for compensation or personal profit, is employed by or under the supervision of a veterinarian to perform such duties as are required in carrying out medical orders as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian requiring an understanding of veterinary science, but not requiring professional service as set forth in [Section 6700](#) of the New York State Education Law.

Veterinary Technology License Requirements

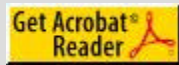
An applicant must file an application for licensure/registration with the New York State Education Department's Division of Professional Licensing Services in order to become licensed as a veterinary technician. In addition, an applicant must be of good moral character and meet the following education and examination requirements. There is no minimum experience required for licensure. A candidate for licensure must be a U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S.

[FORM 1 - APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE & FIRST REGISTRATION](#) (You may print this form* - vt1.pdf; 41K; 3 pages)

Please Note: There are numerous forms that first-time applicants must complete as part of the application process. The Office of the Professions is in the process of updating this Web page to eventually include all licensure application forms that must be filed with the New York State Education Department. At this time, only application Form 1 can be printed. To obtain all other application forms, you must contact the Division of Professional Licensing Services and request a Veterinary Technician Application Packet:

Phone: **518-474-3817 ext. 320** | Fax: **518-402-5354** | E-mail: opforms@mail.nysed.gov

***Note:** This form is in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). To view or print it, you will need to have the free Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. Download times and print quality will depend on your connection speed and printer.



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Education

Must complete a four-year course of study in an approved secondary school and receive a diploma from an approved college-level course of study in veterinary science technology, or its equivalent, from a college or university whose program is registered by the Education Department or accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the Department.

Examination Requirements

Must pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination in Veterinary Medicine developed by the American Veterinary Medicine Association administered twice yearly in January and June.

To qualify to take these examinations, New York State candidates must:

- File an application for licensure in New York State
- Have the New York State Education Department approve their education

License/Registration Fee

\$165.00

Limited Permit Requirements

Conditions and/or Restrictions: A limited permit may be issued by the State Education Department to a qualified applicant who meets all the licensure requirements except those relating to the examination and citizenship or permanent residence in the United States. A permit holder must be under the supervision of a currently registered, New York State-licensed veterinarian. Candidates who were unsuccessful in passing the National Board Examination on their most recent attempt can not be issued a limited permit.

Permit Fee: \$50.00

Duration and Renewal Provisions: A limited permit shall be valid for the duration of one year from the date of issuance or until ten days after the notification of denial of an application for licensure or after failing the licensing examination. A limited permit may be extended once at the discretion of the Department.

Questions regarding practice of this profession may be directed to the office of the State Board:

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