

This is an amendment to 16.25.6 NMAC, Sections 9 & 10 effective 01/14/2025

16.25.6.9 EXAMINATIONS:

- A.** Examinations shall be held as specified by the board of veterinary medicine.
- (1) Applicants must pass the American association of state veterinary boards (AAVSB) veterinary technician national examination (VTNE) administered by the professional examination service (PES) with the passing grade established by PES.
- (2) Prior to taking the VTNE, applicant must apply for sponsorship by the board. The list of all fees relating to examinations is set out at Subsection C of 16.25.6.9 NMAC and is posted at the board's web site at www.nmbvm.org. In addition, the applicant must take and pass with a minimum score of seventy five percent, the New Mexico veterinary technician licensing examination.
- B.** No application shall be acted upon until the examination fee is received by the executive director of the board of veterinary medicine. If the board deems an applicant ineligible for examination, fees will not be refunded.
- C.** The list of fees relating to examinations is as follows and is posted at the board's web site: www.nmbvm.org.
- (1) state jurisprudence examination:
- (a) board set dates, January and May – \$75 or
- (b) date selected by applicant – \$100
- (2) VTNE: board sponsorship – [~~\$50~~] \$65.
- D.** Limitations:
- (1) Once the fees have been submitted to the board, the fees cannot be refunded.
- (2) An applicant has a one year time limit within which to take the state examination.
- E.** Any applicant requesting an examination or re-examination by the board, other than board-set examinations, shall submit the application for review by the board. If the board determines that there is sufficient justification for administering a special examination, the expense of such special examination shall be borne by the applicant requesting the examination.
- F.** An applicant failing the examination may retake the entire examination at a scheduled time and will be charged the full examination fee.
- G.** The executive director will notify candidates of the examination results within 30 days of the date of the examination.

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16.25.6.10 RENEWAL OF LICENSE: A list of all fees relating to renewal of a registered veterinary technician license is listed at Subsection D of 16.25.6.10 NMAC and at the board's web site: www.nmbvm.org.

- A.** A veterinary technician's license expires and is due for renewal each year on the last day of December. If a registered veterinary technician's license lapses and is not renewed within five years, they must reapply, retake and pass the examination before they can obtain licensure, Section 61-14-12, NMSA 1978
- B.** A registered veterinary technician license is lapsed if the license renewal is not postal postmarked on or before the December 31 expiration date.
- C.** Registered veterinary technicians shall display at the business location, in full view of the public, the current year license renewal certificate.
- D.** License fees:
- (1) initial license fee is prorated from date of license issue to last day of December;
- (2) annual renewal fee – \$75
- (3) inactive status – [~~\$37.50~~] \$47. Annual continuing education requirement must be fulfilled and reported;
- (4) license reactivation – [~~\$50~~] \$65 along with completed application for reactivation and verification of required annual 8.00 continuing education hours while license in inactive status; and
- (5) late renewal penalties:
- (a) postal postmarked no later than 30 days after December 31 expiration date –

[~~\$25~~] \$32; or

(b) postal postmarked more than 30 days after December 31 expiration date – [~~\$25~~]
\$32 plus [~~\$5~~] \$6.25 per day not to exceed [~~\$300~~] \$375.

E. Continuing education.

(1) Each registered veterinary technician licensed to practice in New Mexico must certify that he has completed at least eight hours of approved continuing education during the preceding year. The hours will be derived from seminars, short courses, or scientific programs approved by RACE, AVMA, NAVTA, or sponsored by a veterinary medical association, veterinary organization, university, or by the board. There will be no exemptions for age or retirement.

(2) A waiver of delinquent hours may be granted by the board if a request is made in writing. The hours must be made up in the next calendar year and is in addition to the current year annual CE requirement.

(3) Continuing education hours will be accumulated on an annual basis from January through December.

(4) A maximum of eight credit hours may be accrued as excess and carried forward to the subsequent licensing year.

(5) A form to be completed by the registered veterinary technician at the time of annual renewal will be provided by the board of veterinary medicine.

(6) The burden of proving the validity of the reported hours lies solely with the registered veterinary technician.

(7) A new licensee must comply with the continuing education requirement beginning the next full licensure year after graduation.

(8) In general, CE must be in the form of contact hours. Credit for non-contact forms of instruction including online training or articles in printed periodicals is accepted, if the instruction:

(a) is designed for veterinary technicians; and

(b) non-contact hours do not comprise more than half of the annual requirement of eight CE hours.

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