

169.34 Registered veterinary technician — certificate of registration.

1. The board shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual if all of the following apply:

a. The individual has graduated from an accredited or approved veterinary technology program.

b. The individual has received a passing score on a national veterinary technician examination approved by the board.

c. The individual has submitted a complete application to the board that is approved by the board.

(1) The application must be in a form prescribed by the board.

(2) To be complete, the application must include all of the following:

(a) Information and material required by the board.

(b) A registration fee in an amount established by the board.

d. The individual meets other criteria or qualifications as specified by rule adopted by the board, including but not limited to a state veterinary technician examination.

e. The board may grant a waiver from any qualification for a certificate of registration to an individual who was in active duty military service or the individual's spouse in accordance with [section 272C.4](#), or to an individual who was previously a veterinary medical student and who substantially meets the qualifications to receive a certificate of registration.

2. The board may issue an endorsed certificate of registration to an individual if the individual holds a valid registration, certificate, license, or other authorization issued by a jurisdiction recognized by the board, and all of the following apply:

a. The individual meets the educational, experience, or testing requirements as specified by the board in rule.

b. The individual is not subject to an investigation or disciplinary action which may result or has resulted in the suspension or the revocation of a registration, certificate, license, or other authorization issued by a jurisdiction recognized by the board.

c. The individual has submitted a complete application to the board that is approved by the board.

(1) The application must be in a form prescribed by the board.

(2) To be complete, the application must include all of the following:

(a) Information and material required by the board.

(b) A registration fee in an amount established by the board.

d. The individual meets other criteria, standard, or qualification as specified by rule adopted by the board.

e. The board may grant a waiver from any qualification for an endorsed certificate of registration to an individual who was in active duty military service or the individual's spouse in accordance with [section 272C.4](#), or to an individual who was previously a veterinary medical student who substantially meets the qualifications to receive a certificate of registration.

3. a. All certificates of registration shall be issued and expire according to a registration period based on a triennium cycle beginning and ending on dates established by the board. However, a new certificate of registration issued during a registration period shall be for the balance of that registration period.

b. To renew a certificate of registration, a registered veterinary technician must apply to the board for approval. The application must show that the registered veterinary technician has completed all continuing education credit hours during the preceding registration period as required by the board. The board shall determine the number of continuing education credit hours required and the type of continuing hours awarded credit. The certificate of registration expires after the individual has been provided a notice and opportunity for a hearing by the board under [chapter 17A](#). An individual whose certificate of registration has expired is no longer credentialed as provided in [section 169.35](#).

c. The board shall reissue a certificate of registration to an individual whose certificate of registration has expired. To be reissued a certificate of registration, the individual must apply to the board for approval. The application must show that the individual has completed

the same number of continuing education credit hours required to renew a certificate of registration during the prior three years.

d. A certificate of registration for a registered veterinary technician that was issued prior to July 1, 2024, remains valid and does not expire.

e. The board shall adopt all rules required to administer and enforce [this subsection](#).

4. A registered veterinary technician is subject to investigation and disciplinary action taken by the board to suspend or revoke a certificate or registration pursuant to [section 272C.3](#). However, the board shall utilize the procedures set forth in [section 169.14](#). A certificate of registration shall not be suspended or revoked by less than a two-thirds vote of the entire board in a proceeding conducted in compliance with [section 17A.12](#).

[2023 Acts, ch 155, §13, 24](#)

Referred to in [§169.31](#), [169.35](#)