

**811—8.1(169,17A) Definitions.** As used in these rules, the following terms shall mean:

*“Accredited school of veterinary technology”* means a two-year college level training program providing basic training leading to a certificate of completion of a two-year program recognized and approved by the AVMA committee on accreditation of training for veterinary technicians or recognized and approved by the board.

*“Board”* means board of veterinary medicine.

*“Department”* shall mean the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

*“Veterinary assistant”* means an assistant employed by a licensed veterinarian for a purpose other than performing diagnosis, issuing prescriptions or performing surgery and includes, among other assistants, registered veterinary technicians.

*“Veterinary technician”* means any citizen of the United States who shall have graduated in veterinary technology from a two-year AVMA accredited school of veterinary technology; or in lieu thereof has assisted a licensed veterinarian for five years prior to 1980, or worked under the direction of a licensed veterinarian for at least three years, including at least one year of formal training approved by the board, in veterinary technology prior to 1981; and who shall have successfully passed an examination prescribed by the board.