

811—8.12(272C) Applicants with work experience in jurisdictions without licensure requirements.

8.12(1) *Work experience.* An applicant for initial registration who has relocated to Iowa from another jurisdiction that did not require a professional license/registration to practice in the profession may be considered to have met any educational and training requirements if the person has at least three years of work experience with a scope of practice substantially similar to that of the profession for which registration in Iowa is sought. The three years of work experience must be within the four years preceding the date of application for initial registration. The applicant must satisfy all other requirements, including passing any required examinations, to receive a license.

8.12(2) *Board application.* The applicant must submit the following:

- a. A completed application for registration through work experience.
- b. Payment of the application fee.
- c. Proof of passing both the veterinary technician national examination and Iowa's veterinary technician state examination.

8.12(3) *Required documentation.* An applicant who wishes to substitute work experience in lieu of satisfying applicable education or training requirements shall carry the burden of providing all of the following by submitting relevant documents as part of a completed registration application:

- a. Proof of Iowa residency, which may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) A residential mortgage, lease, or rental agreement;
 - (2) A utility bill;
 - (3) A bank statement;
 - (4) A paycheck or pay stub;
 - (5) A property tax statement;
 - (6) A document issued by the federal or state government;
 - (7) Any other board-approved document that reliably confirms Iowa residency.
- b. Proof of three or more years of work experience within the four years preceding the application for registration, which may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) A letter from the applicant's prior employer documenting the dates of employment;
 - (2) Paychecks or pay stubs; or
 - (3) Any other board-approved evidence of sufficient work experience.
- c. Proof that the work experience was in a practice with a scope of practice substantially similar to that for the registration sought in Iowa, which must include:
 - (1) A written statement by the applicant detailing the scope of practice; and
 - (2) Business or marketing materials detailing the services provided.
- d. Proof that a professional license/registration was not required in the other state, which may include:
 - (1) Copies of applicable laws;
 - (2) Materials from a website operated by a governmental entity; or
 - (3) Materials from a national professional association.

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