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**Animal technician duties, registration and continuing education requirements.**

~~A "registered~~ Registered veterinary technician" is a person who holds a registration certificate issued by the Ohio veterinary medical licensing board. ~~The responsibility for the proper utilization of the registered veterinary technician rests solely upon the licensed veterinarian under whom they act.~~ The registered veterinary technician activities and duties must in all ways be compatible with Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code, ~~otherwise known as the Ohio Veterinary Practice Act.~~

(A) A person desiring to be registered as a registered veterinary technician shall make a written request to the board for registration. Said applicant shall deliver to ~~the executive secretary of~~ the board the following:

- (1) A completed application supplied by the board;
- (2) A photograph of applicant;
- (3) A transcript showing satisfactory proof that the applicant has graduated from ~~an~~ a board approved animal health veterinary technology program;
- (4) A registration fee as prescribed in ~~Ohio Revised Code~~ Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.
- (5) A passing score of 425 or a converted score of 75 on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE).

(B) Every action of the registered veterinary technician, as related to the practice of veterinary medicine, must be under the ~~direct~~ supervision of the licensed veterinarian. The registered veterinary technician must not be presented to the public in any way to imply that the registered veterinary technician is licensed to practice veterinary medicine. The licensed veterinarian must not offer, undertake, or ~~hold for~~ represent to the public that the registered veterinary technician ~~as being~~ is able to diagnose, surgically operate or prescribe for any animal disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition ~~without the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian.~~

(C) The registered veterinary technician shall not diagnose, prescribe or change the prescribed order of the licensed veterinarian for the use of any drug, medicine, appliance or treatment for any animal.

(D) The registered veterinary technician shall not invade the integument or the tissue of any animal for the purpose of performing any phase of a surgical procedure not defined as a normal management practice for livestock. ~~However, the~~ The

registered veterinary technician may act as a surgical assistant for a licensed veterinarian.

~~(E) Division (F) of section 4741.01 of the Revised Code does not apply to those employees of a licensed veterinarian who only act as receptionists, perform only clerical duties, who only act as caretakers or custodial workers, or any other employee not participating in division (C)(1), (C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4), or (C)(5) of section 4741.19 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(F) All registered veterinary technicians must meet the requirement of a minimum of ten hours of continuing education per biennium to be acquired from national, state or local seminars, programs, scientific sessions or short courses, sponsored by board approved veterinary organizations, schools or universities, with board approved speakers, prior to registering biennially. All continuing education must be approved by the board prior to a participant attending. Not less than six hours of the required ten hours shall be specific to the practice of veterinary medicine and/or surgery.~~

~~No more than four of the required ten hours may relate to either non-veterinary health fields/allied areas which may include but are not limited to: Alternative therapies, practice management, public relations/personal growth or may be obtained in forms which may include but are not limited to professional journals, auto-tutorials and interactive computer software programs.~~

~~(G)(E)~~ Prior to the expiration of a biennial registration on ~~march~~ March first, in odd-numbered years, the executive ~~secretary~~ director shall cause to be mailed in January of the registration year, a "notice for renewal application," to be notarized before a notary public, listing the continuing education hours acquired prior to the biennial registration. The registered veterinary technician shall submit the biennial renewal fee as set forth in division ~~(a)(6)~~ (A)(10) of section 4741.17 of the ~~revised code~~ Revised Code.

A registration becomes inactive if not renewed at the end of the biennium. An inactive registration may be reactivated upon application to the board. A registration that is inactive for more than four years expires if no application for reactivation is made. Upon expiration, a registration becomes void.

~~(H)(F)~~ A waiver for continuing education hours may be granted by the board for unusual circumstances if a request is made in writing to the office of the board. The hours must be made up in the following calendar year, in addition to the regular required continuing education hours. No more than one waiver may be considered within a six-year period.

~~(H)(G)~~ Registered veterinary technicians are exempt from listing continuing education hours for the first biennium after original registration.

~~(J)~~(H) No veterinary technology student ~~extern~~ shall engage in the duties of a registered veterinary technician unless under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or his or her assigned ~~registered~~ registered veterinary technician.

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