Veterinarian

A licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Veterinarians care for the health of animals and work to improve public health. They diagnose, treat, and research medical conditions and diseases of pets, livestock, and other animals.

Veterinary Technician

A certified veterinary technician who holds current certification from a specialty organization recognized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

Technicians perform medical tests under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian to assist in diagnosing the injuries and illnesses of animals.
Degrees:

- Doctorate

Examination Requirement:

- States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
- States with 3 required examinations
Continuing Education Requirement

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

State Has Good Moral Character Requirement for Licensure:
- Yes
- No

Good Moral Character Requirement

*NH & MI do not require CE Hours

21 States
3 States
24 States
1 year

CE Reporting Cycles

3 years
0 CE hours
20 - 29 CE hours/2 yrs
30 - 39 CE hours/2 yrs
40 - 49 CE hours/2 yrs
50 - 60 CE hours/2 yrs

PA
U.S. avg.
30 hours
31.7 hours
MEDIAN: 30 hours

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**Initial Licensing Fee**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

**U.S. Avg.**

HIGHEST: $1,000.00 (Alaska)

MEDIAN: $228.00

LOWEST: $35.00 (Pennsylvania)

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**Renewal Fees**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.

**U.S. Avg.**

HIGHEST: $580.00 (Rhode Island)

MEDIAN: $260.00

LOWEST: $40.00 (Iowa)

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Degrees:

Completion of Veterinary Technician Program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or approved by the State Licensing Board

States that do not regulate Veterinary Technicians

Examination Requirement

States with 1 required examination

States with 2 required examinations

States that do not regulate Veterinary Technicians

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Continuing Education Requirement

State has Good Moral Character Requirement for Licensure:
- Yes
- No
- States to do not regulate Veterinary Technicians

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10-15 CE hours/2 yrs
16-20 CE hours/2 yrs
21-30 CE hours/2 yrs
31-40 CE hours/2 yrs
0 CE hours

CE Reporting Cycles:
- 3 States (3 years)
- 16 States (1 year)
- 15 States (2 years)

*13 states do not regulate this profession and 3 states do not require CE hours.
**Initial Licensing Fee**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

- **PA**: $35.00
- **U.S. Avg.**: $93.08
- **LOWEST**: $20.00 (Kansas & South Dakota)
- **MEDIAN**: $75.00
- **HIGHEST**: $310 (California)

*Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and fingerprinting fees.

**Renewal Fees**

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

- **PA**: $100.00
- **U.S. Avg.**: $87.97
- **LOWEST**: $5.00 (South Dakota)
- **MEDIAN**: $90.00
- **HIGHEST**: $185.00 (Wisconsin)

- **17 States**
- **16 States**
- **4 States**

*13 states do not regulate this profession*
**States with Reciprocity or Endorsement**

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**Equivalency**

- California

**Credentials**

- Alaska

**Not Specified in Legislation**

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Mississippi
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Washington
- West Virginia

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Observation Section

Regulation of Veterinary Technicians among all States

- The following states license Veterinary Technicians: Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

- The following states certify Veterinary Technicians: Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Pennsylvania

- The following states register Veterinary Technicians: California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, South Dakota, West Virginia

  - District of Columbia also does not regulate Veterinary Technicians

Training / Experience Notes for Veterinarians

**States do not require Training Hours or Experience for licensure of Veterinarians**

Applicants must hold a doctorate degree from an AMVA (American Medical Veterinary Association) accredited program and have passed the NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination) exam, among other state-specific requirements, to obtain licensure.

Training / Experience Notes for Veterinary Technicians

**States do not require Training Hours or Experience for regulation of Veterinary Technicians**

For states that do regulate Veterinary Technicians, applicants are required to complete a veterinary technician program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or approved by the state licensing board, along with passing the Veterinary Technician National Examination and other possible state examinations pursuant to that state's requirements.
Sources: State Licensing Boards

Alabama
http://www.asbvme.alabama.gov/

Alaska
https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofveterinaryexaminers.aspx

Arizona
https://vetboard.az.gov/licensing

Arkansas
https://arvetboard.statesolutions.us/

California
https://www.vmb.ca.gov/

Colorado
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJzBFdR3FPZ0czg/view

Connecticut

Delaware
https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/veterinarymedicine/newlicense/

District of Columbia
https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/162292

Florida
https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true&boardid=26&SID=

Georgia

Hawaii
http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/veterinary/

Idaho
https://bovm.idaho.gov/

Illinois
https://www.idpr.com/profs/vet.asp

Indiana
https://https://www.in.gov/pla/2442.htm

Iowa
https://dia.iowa.gov/administrative-hearings/legal-resources/agenciespecificresources/board-veterinary-medicine

Kansas
https://kbve.kansas.gov/

Kentucky
http://bve.ky.gov/Pages/BoardExam.aspx

Louisiana
https://www.lsbvm.org/

Maine

Maryland
https://mda.maryland.gov/vetboard/Pages/default.aspx

Massachusetts
https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-veterinary-medicine

Michigan
https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334,72600,72603,27529,27555---,00.html

Minnesota
https://mn.gov/boards/veterinary-medicine/

Mississippi
http://mssipetvetboard.org/

Missouri
https://pr.mo.gov/veterinarian.asp

Montana
http://boardsbsd.dil.mt.gov/vet#0

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire
https://www.nhagriculture.nh.gov/divisions/veterinary/

New Jersey
https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/vet/Pages/default.aspx

New Mexico
http://www.nmnbvm.org/

New York
http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/vetmed/vetlic.htm

North Carolina
https://www.ncvmb.org/

North Dakota
https://www.ndbvme.org/

Ohio
http://ovmb.ohio.gov/

Oklahoma
http://www.okvetboard.com/

Oregon
https://www.oregon.gov/ovweb/Pages/index.aspx

Pennsylvania
https://https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/VeterinaryMedicine/Pages/default.aspx

Rhode Island
http://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=247#

South Carolina
https://llr.sc.gov/

South Dakota
http://vetboard.sd.gov/

Tennessee
https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/veterinary-board.html

Texas
https://www.veterinary.texas.gov/

Utah
https://dop.utah.gov/vet/index.html

Vermont
https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/veterinary-medicine.aspx

Virginia
https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/vet/

Washington

West Virginia
https://www.wvbvm.org/

Wisconsin
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/VeterinaryExaminingBoard.aspx

Wyoming
https://vetboard.wyo.gov/