

Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison

State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinarian
Veterinary Technician



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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.

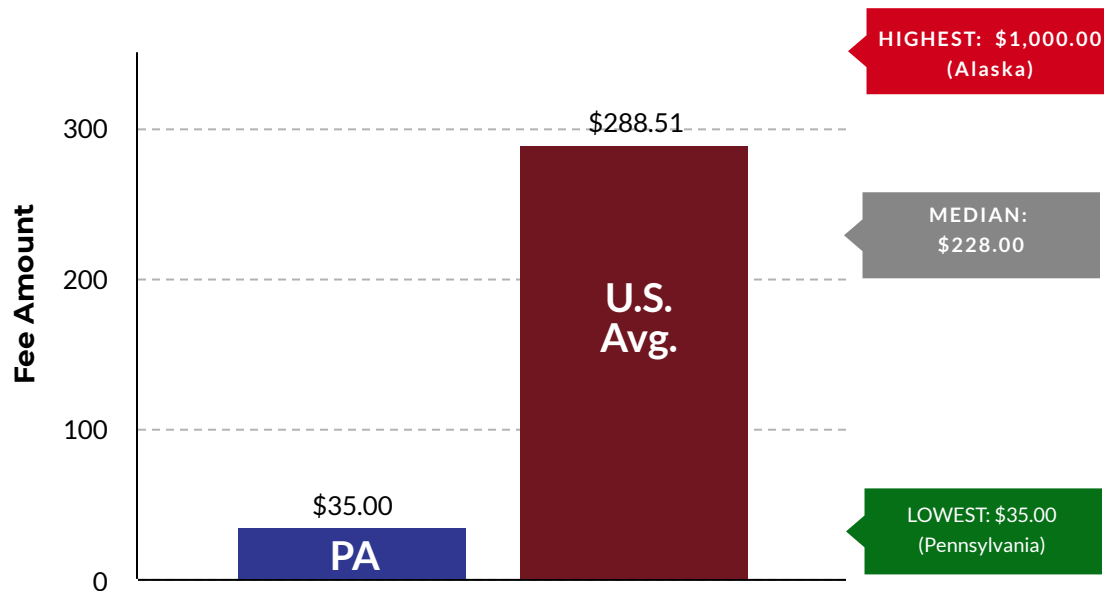
Veterinary Technician

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.

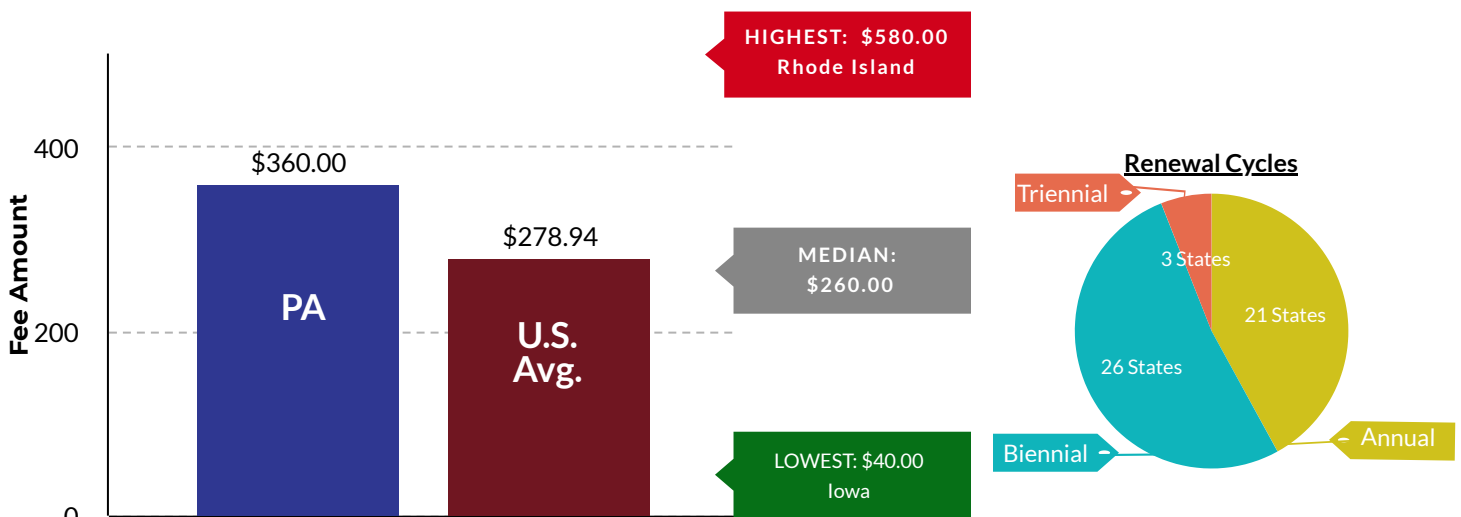
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Initial Licensing Fee



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Renewal Fees



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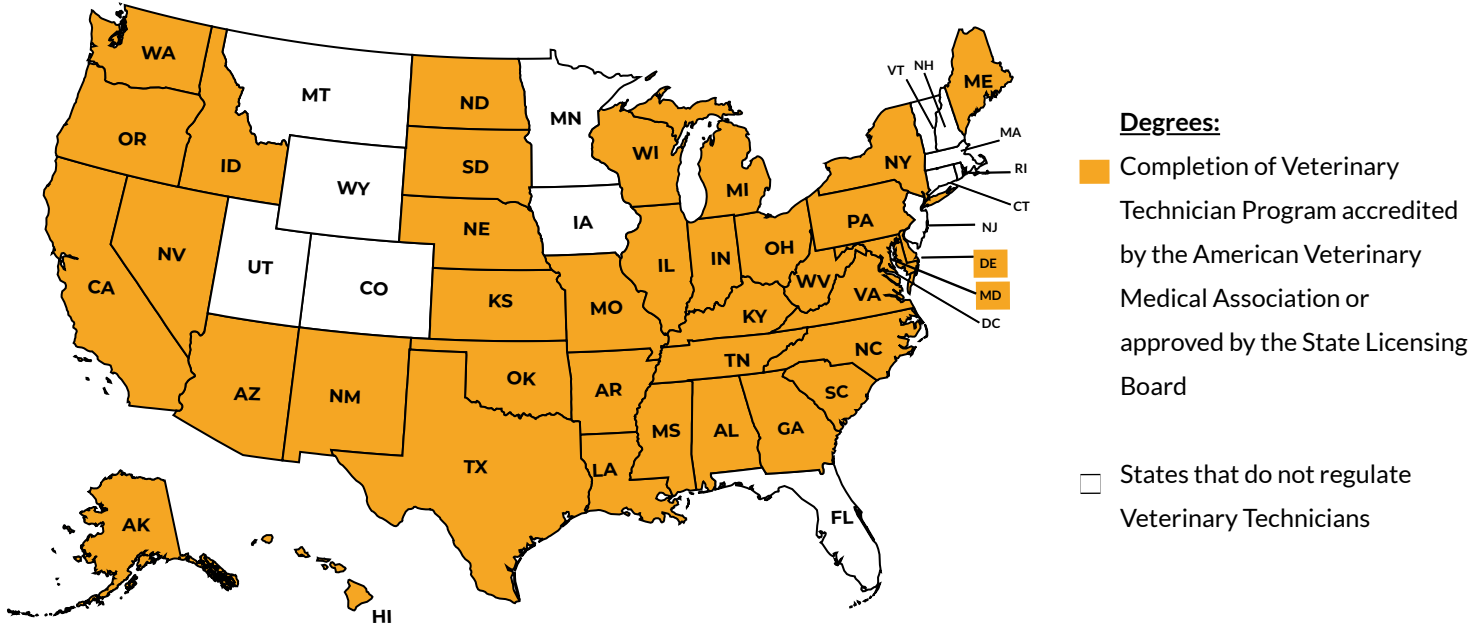
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States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

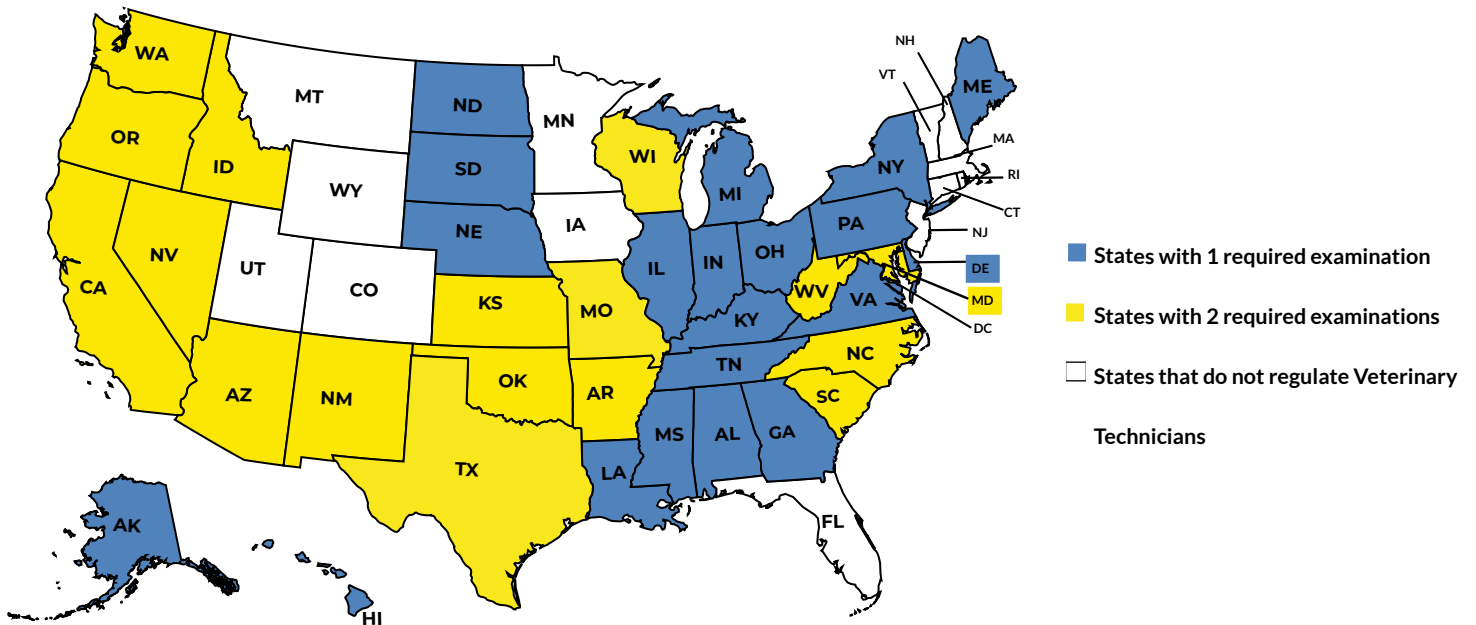
<u>Endorsement</u>		<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Alabama	New Jersey	California	
Alaska	New Mexico	Delaware	Georgia
Arizona	New York	Massachusetts	Kansas
Arkansas	North Carolina	Missouri	West Virginia
Colorado	Oregon	Montana	
Connecticut	Rhode Island	Nebraska	
District of Columbia	South Carolina	New Hampshire	
Florida	South Dakota	North Dakota	
Hawaii	Texas	Ohio	
Idaho	Vermont	Oklahoma	
Illinois	Virginia	Pennsylvania**	
Indiana	Wisconsin	Tennessee	
Iowa	Wyoming	Utah	
Kentucky		Washington	
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland			
Michigan			
Minnesota			
Mississippi			
Nevada			

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Veterinary Technician Degree Requirement

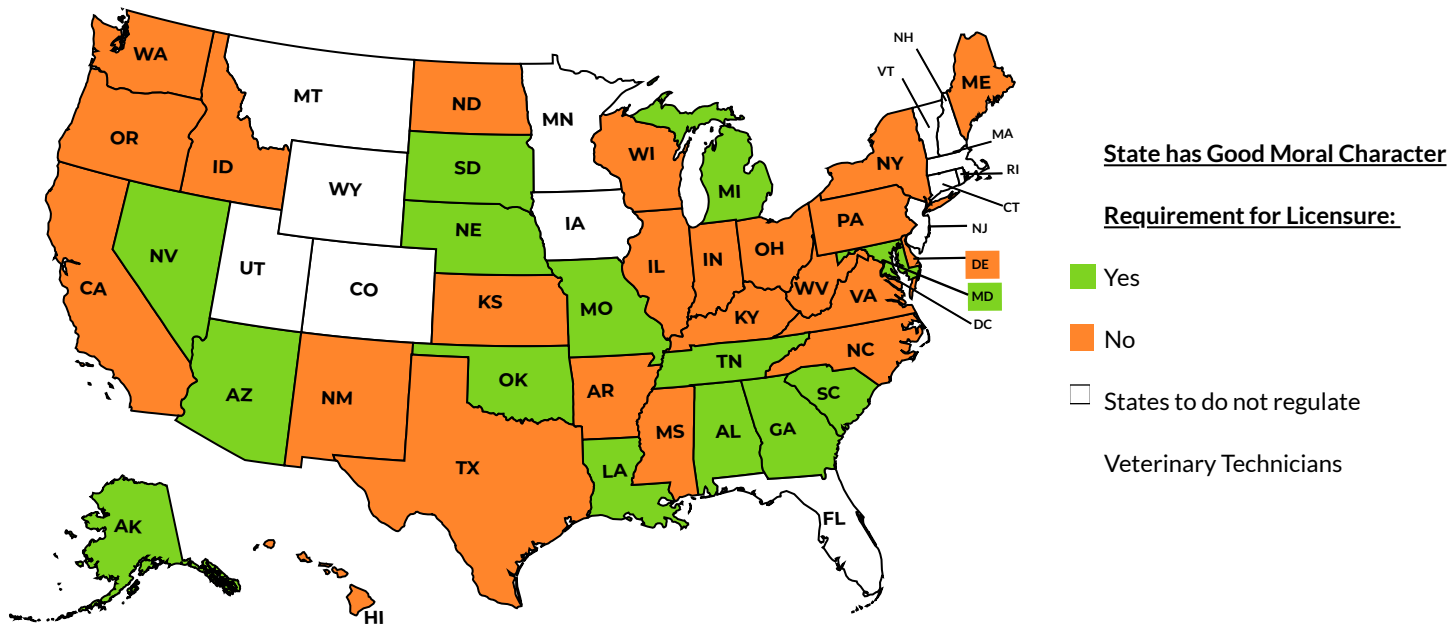


Examination Requirement

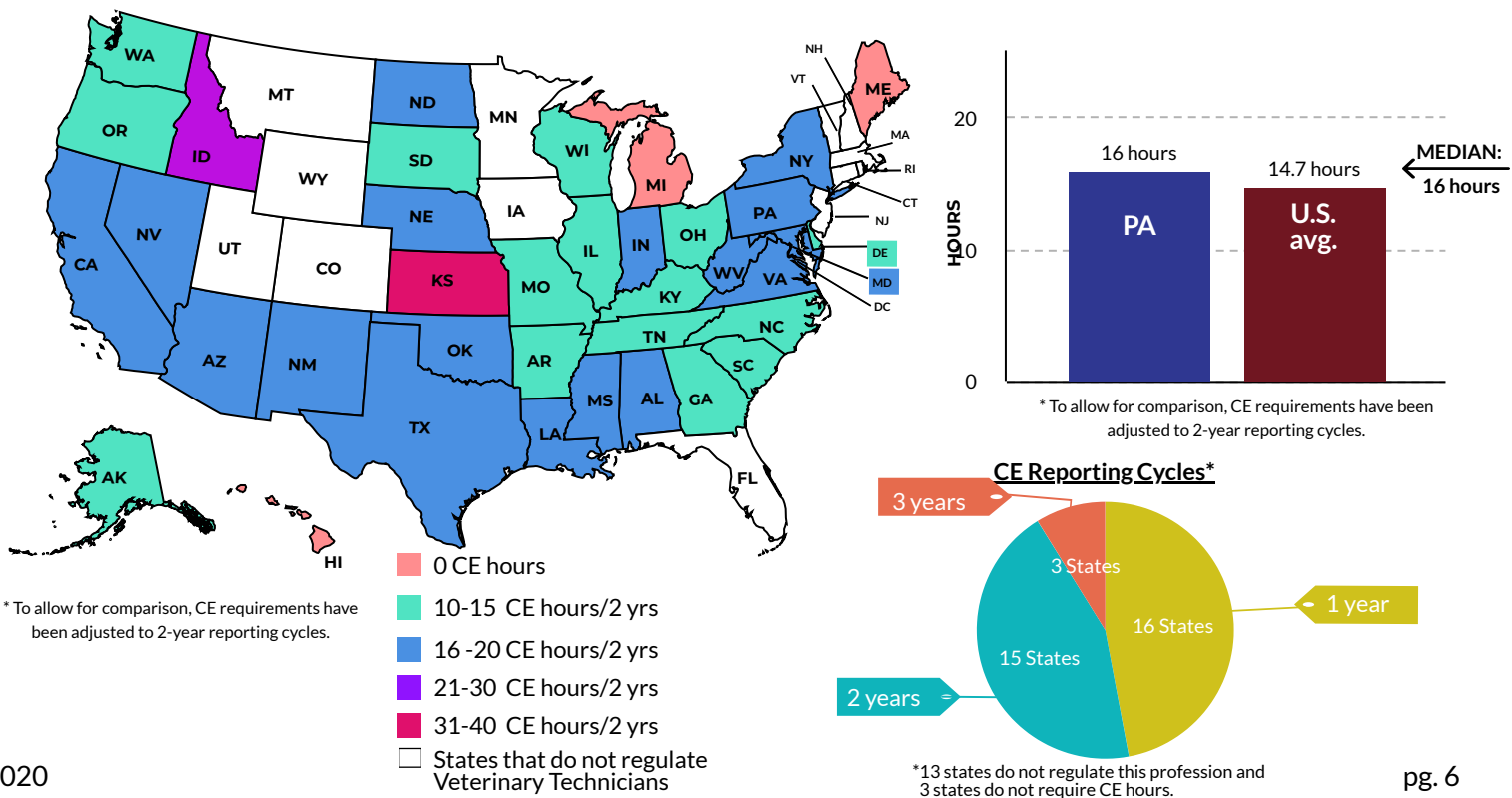


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Good Moral Character Requirement

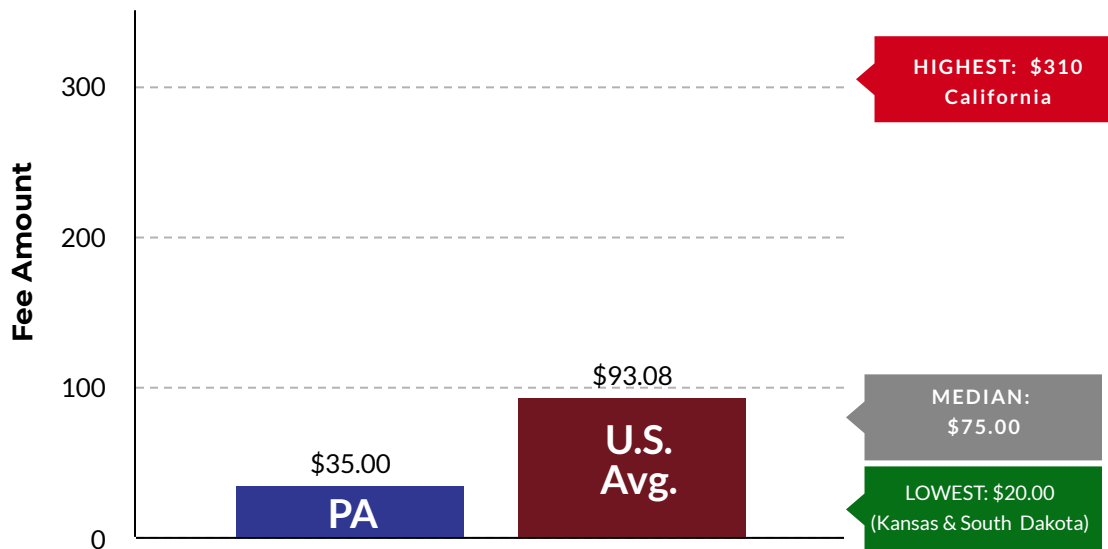


Continuing Education Requirement



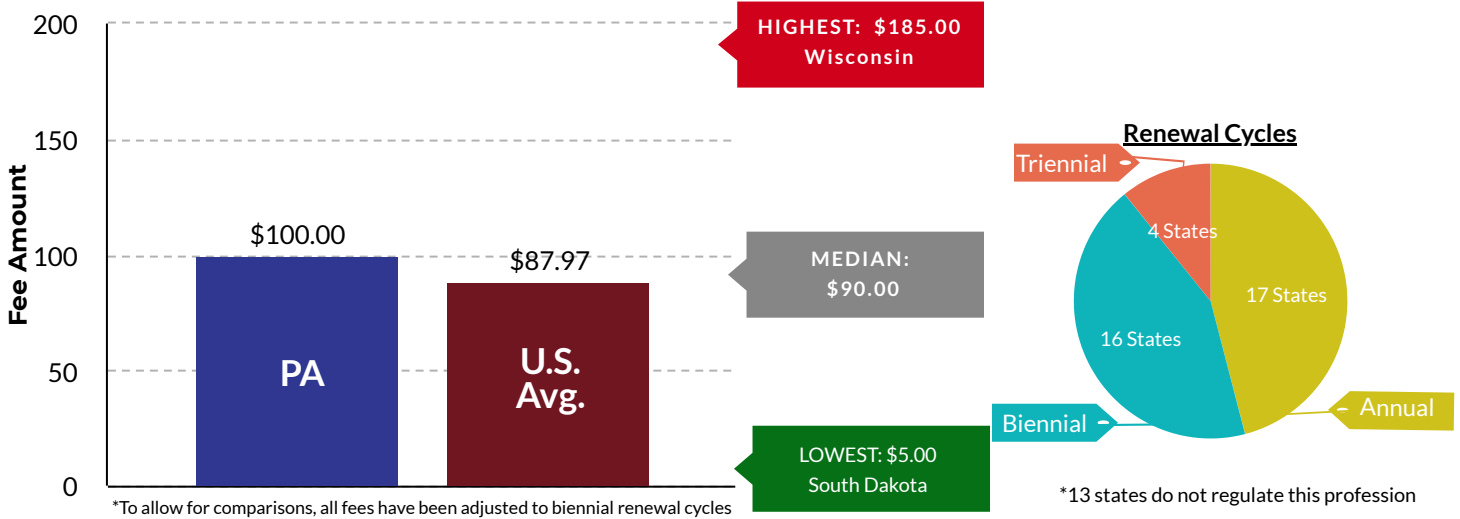
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Arizona	Delaware	Alabama
Hawaii	Missouri	Arkansas
Illinois	North Carolina	Georgia
Indiana	Tennessee	Idaho
Maryland		Kansas
Michigan	<u>Equivalency</u>	Kentucky
New Mexico	California	Louisiana
New York		Maine
Pennsylvania**	<u>Credentials</u>	Mississippi
Virginia	Alaska	Nebraska
Wisconsin		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
- Thirteen states do not regulate Veterinary Technicians: Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Wyoming
 - 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

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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-K5DhxXxJZbTFdrR3FPZ0g0czg/view>

Connecticut
<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Vet/Veterinarian-Licensure>

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
<http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/53>

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

Idaho
<https://bovm.idaho.gov/>

Illinois
<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/vet.asp>

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

Iowa
<https://dia.iowa.gov/administrative-hearings/legal-resources/agency-specific-resources/board-veterinary-medicine>

Kansas
<https://kbve.kansas.gov/>

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

Louisiana
<https://www.lsbvm.org/>

Maine
<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/veterinarians/index.html>

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://mississippivetboard.org/>

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

Montana
<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/vet#0>

Nebraska
https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/feed/NE_DHHS-Statutes-VetMedAct.pdf

Nevada
<https://www.nvvetboard.us/glsuiteweb/clients/nvbov/public/default.aspx>

New Hampshire
<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/veterinary/>

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

New Mexico
<http://www.nmbvm.org/>

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

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

North Dakota
<https://www.ndbvmc.org/>

Ohio
<http://ovmlb.ohio.gov/>

Oklahoma
<http://www.okvetboard.com/>

Oregon
<https://www.oregon.gov/ovmeb/Pages/index.aspx>

Pennsylvania
<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://lir.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://dopl.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
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Veterinarian/LicenseRequirements>

West Virginia
<https://www.wvbm.org/>

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

Wyoming
<https://vetboard.wyo.gov/>