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87-03-01-01. Definition of a veterinary technician.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

87-03-01-02. Requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician.

1. An individual desiring a license to practice veterinary technology in the state shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. The individual must be a graduate of an approved program in veterinary technology or fulfill the requirements as set forth in section 87-03-01-03 for a graduate of a program that is not an approved program in veterinary technology. An approved program in veterinary technology is accredited by the American veterinary medical association committee on veterinary technician education and activities or the Canadian veterinary medical association;
 - b. The individual shall pass the veterinary technician national examination. The board adopts the passing score on the national examination recommended by the American association of veterinary state boards. Applicants shall request that their examination scores be sent to the board. North Dakota candidates may apply for and take the veterinary technician national examination according to eligibility criteria, deadlines, and fees specified in the annual agreement between the board and the American association of veterinary state boards. An individual who fails the veterinary technician national examination may retake the examination in keeping with the retake policy of the American association of veterinary state boards;
 - c. The individual shall:
 - (1) Complete the application form provided by the board;
 - (2) Pay the nonrefundable application fee of forty dollars;

- (3) Pay the initial license fee of thirty dollars;
 - (4) Provide a copy of the individual's diploma or other official proof of graduation;
 - (5) Provide verification of any license to practice veterinary technology issued by another jurisdiction; and
 - (6) Sign a statement attesting that the applicant has read, understands, and shall abide by the statutes and regulations governing the practice of veterinary technology in this state; and
 - d. The individual shall receive a passing score of eighty percent on the state board examination. The individual must be approved to take the state board examination upon submission of a completed application and all necessary documents. The state board examination is a jurisprudence examination that may be administered by written or electronic methods. An individual who fails the state board examination may be allowed to retake the examination after a period of thirty days upon repayment of the application fee. An individual who fails the state board examination twice must have approval by the board to take the state board examination a third time. An individual who fails the state board examination a third time must petition the board for reconsideration of eligibility to further take the state board examination.
2. The individual may be required to complete an oral interview at the request of the board.
 3. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who meets the requirements to practice veterinary technology in the state. The license may be issued by the executive director and approved by the board at one of its regular meetings if there is no previous discipline, criminal conviction, or other concern related to the individual's ability to practice veterinary technology.
 4. An applicant found unqualified may request a hearing on the question of the applicant's qualifications.
 5. If the application for licensure has not been successfully completed within one year from the date of initial submission, a new application and fee is required.

History: Effective October 1, 1981; amended effective November 1, 1991; January 1, 1999; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2022; April 1, 2026.

General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.1

87-03-01-02.1. Military member and military spouse licensure.

The board shall adhere to the process for licensure of military members and military spouses set forth in North Dakota Century Code section 43-51-11.1.

History: Effective April 1, 2026.

General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.1

87-03-01-03. Prerequisites for taking the national examination - Graduates from nonaccredited institutions.

A graduate of a veterinary technology program that is not an approved program in veterinary technology must be approved by the board to take the veterinary technician national examination and the state board examination.

History: Effective October 1, 1981; amended effective April 1, 1986; November 1, 1991; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2022; April 1, 2026.

General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-07.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-07.1

87-03-01-04. Veterinary technician - License renewal.

1. Annual renewal notice must be provided to all veterinary technicians on or before December first, and completed license renewal forms must be received by December thirty-first.
2. The annual license renewal fee for veterinary technicians is thirty dollars and must be received by December thirty-first each year.
3. Renewals not received by the due date must be assessed a late fee of fifty percent of the renewal fee.

History: Effective October 1, 1981; amended effective November 1, 1991; January 1, 1999; August 1, 2004; April 1, 2009; April 1, 2022; April 1, 2026.

General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03, 43-29-08.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-08.1

87-03-01-05. Educational program attendance required.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

87-03-01-06. Educational program requirement waiver.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

87-03-01-07. Educational program requirements.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

87-03-01-08. Notice of failure to comply.

Repealed effective April 1, 2026.

87-03-01-09. Discipline reporting.

A veterinary technician is required to report affirmatively any initiated disciplinary action from any other regulatory body to the board within thirty days of that other regulatory body's initiation of the disciplinary action.

History: Effective April 1, 2022; amended effective April 1, 2026.

General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-03

87-03-01-10. Name change.

A veterinary technician shall report a personal name change to the board within thirty days. Proper documentation must be provided upon request.

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General Authority: NDCC 43-29-03

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-03

87-03-01-11. Change of address.

A veterinary technician shall report a change in address, employer, and contact information to the board within thirty days after the change has taken place.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 43-29-03