

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Licensing Authority	Toni Kursitis Board of Veterinary Medicine Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Wallace State Office Bldg Des Moines IA 50319-0051 Phone: (515) 281-8617 Fax: (515) 281-4282 E-mail: toni.kursitis@idals.state.ia.us
Legal Authority	Code of Iowa 169, Chapter 8
Job Description	Veterinary technicians work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian for any purpose except diagnosis, prescription, or surgery.
Education & Experience Required	A veterinary technician does not have to have a certificate in Iowa, but if a person chooses to be registered, two years of animal technology in an approved college is required. Applicants must also have attained passing scores for the National Veterinary Technician Examination (NVTE) and the Iowa Veterinary Technician Examination.
Continuing Education	At least thirty hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board of Veterinary Medicine shall be completed triennially for registration renewal.
Examination	To be registered in Iowa, an applicant must take both the national board exam and an Iowa written exam, which includes a slide show. Exams are given once a year in June at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.
Fees	Application: \$25 Duration: Three years Renewal: \$15 Exam: \$110 – NVTE (includes \$10 administrative fee) \$25 – State
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	29-2056 – Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (\$10.91)
Number of Licenses Issued	Total number of licenses active as of December 31, 2001: 140 2000: 118
Additional Information	American Veterinary Medical Association 1931 N Meacham Rd Ste 100 Schaumburg IL 60173-4360

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