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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 638.070.

A REGULATION relating to veterinary medicine. . .

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law. . .

Section 1. NAC 638.0525 shall be amended to read as follows:

638.0525. 1. A person may perform the tasks of a veterinary technician under the immediate supervision of a supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician while the person is receiving the training and experience required by paragraph (h) of subsection 2 if he or she is registered with the Board pursuant to this section.

2. To be registered as a veterinary technician in training, a person must:

- (a) Submit to the Board an application on a form prescribed by the Board;
- (b) Submit to the Board a letter of recommendation written by the veterinarian in charge of the facility where the person is employed or will be employed;
- (c) Be 18 years of age or older;

(d) Have a high school diploma or equivalent certificate;

(e) Be of good moral character;

(f) Be a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(g) Be:

(1) A fourth-year student enrolled in a 4-year program, a second-year student enrolled in a 2-year program or a student enrolled in an accelerated program and the program of training must be accredited by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities of the American Veterinary Medical Association or be approved by the Board; [✕]

(2) A person who has graduated from a program of training described in subparagraph (1) and is scheduled to take, or has taken but not yet received a score for, the Veterinary Technician National Examination; *or*

(3) A person who has a bachelor of science degree and has attained a score of at least 300 points pursuant to Section 2 of this regulation and who has completed at least 1,000 hours of work experience at one or more veterinary facilities;

(h) Participate in training while on the job and acquire experience that is commensurate with the duties of his or her employment, *which training must be documented in writing by each veterinary facility at which the person has worked on a form provided by the Board;* and

(i) Pay to the Board the fee required pursuant to NAC 638.035.

3. After confirming that an applicant complies with all the requirements of subsection 2, the Executive Director of the Board shall, unless he or she has good cause to deny the registration, issue a letter of registration for a veterinary technician in training to the veterinarian in charge of the facility where the trainee is employed or will be employed.

4. A registration issued pursuant to this section between:

(a) January 1 and August 31 of any year expires on September 1 of the next subsequent year;

and

(b) September 1 and December 31 of any year expires on September 1 of the year immediately following the next subsequent year,

↳ unless the Board grants an extension of the period of registration.

Sec. 2. NAC 638.0527 shall be amended to read as follows:

638.0527. 1. In addition to the requirements of NRS 638.122, an applicant for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must submit to the Executive Director of the Board proof that he or she has passed:

(a) The Veterinary Technician National Examination; or

(b) Any other examination approved for this purpose by the Board pursuant to NRS 638.123.

2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, an applicant for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must submit to the Board satisfactory proof that the applicant has:

(a) Received a degree as a veterinary technician from a college accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the appropriate state agency in the state where the college is located;

(b) Received a bachelor of science degree ~~[in an area related to an animal science or in another area approved by the Board]~~ *and a score of 300 or more points as calculated pursuant to subsection 5;* ~~[or]~~

(c) Completed an accelerated program for veterinary technicians approved by the Board ~~[;]~~ ;

or

(d) Receive a degree from outside the United States and the degree has been reviewed and approved by the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

3. Each applicant who received a bachelor of science degree in an area related to an animal science described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 or completed an accelerated program described in paragraph (c) of subsection 2 , or received a sufficient score described in paragraph (d) of subsection 2 must submit on a form provided by the Board, proof of completion of at least 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience in a veterinary facility *located in the United States* that is verified by ~~an~~ *one or more* actively practicing veterinarians *who supervised the applicant*. Not less than 2,001 hours of that supervised clinical experience must have been earned within the 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the applicant submitted his or her application.

4. Each application for a license to practice as a veterinary technician must include:

(a) One letter of recommendation from a person associated with the practice of veterinary medicine; and

(b) A letter of good standing from the licensing agency of each state in which the applicant is licensed or has been licensed, if any. Each such letter must, if applicable, include detailed information concerning any disciplinary action which has been taken against the applicant or which is pending in that state.

5. An applicant who has a bachelor of science degree must receive a score of at least 300 points based upon a review of his or her transcript. One semester units shall be awarded 15 points, one quarter unit shall be awarded 10 points, and one continuing education unit offered by a provider approved by the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards obtained in-person shall be awarded one point

for each hour of continuing education completed. An application made pursuant to this paragraph must include course descriptions or syllabi for each course to be considered for scoring. To be considered, an applicant's grade in a college course must be a C- or higher, and an applicant must submit proof of satisfactory completion a RACE-approved in-person continuing education course. The total points will be calculated as follows:

(a) Up to 200 points may be received for courses in the basic sciences; and

(b) At least 100 points must be received for courses specifically related to animal sciences.

Sec. 3. NAC 638.057 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. The supervising veterinarian:

(a) Is responsible for determining the competency of the licensed veterinary technician , *veterinary technician in training, or veterinary assistant* to perform delegated tasks of animal health care.

(b) Shall ensure that the licensed veterinary technician , *veterinary technician in training, or veterinary assistant* performs the tasks of animal health care delegated to the licensed veterinary technician , *veterinary technician in training, or veterinary assistant* in a manner which is consistent with good veterinary medical practice.

(c) Shall make all decisions relating to the diagnosis, treatment, management and future disposition of the animal.

(d) Shall examine the animal before delegating any tasks to the licensed veterinary technician , *veterinary technician in training, or veterinary assistant*. The examination must be conducted at such time as good veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular task of animal health care which is delegated.

(e) Is responsible for ensuring that unlicensed personnel do not perform duties that are specific to licensed veterinary technicians , *veterinary technician in training, or veterinary assistant* or licensed veterinarians.

2. A supervising veterinarian who does not comply with the requirements of this section may be subject to disciplinary action.