

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## **POLICY STATEMENT CREDENTIALING QUALIFICATIONS**

To streamline the criteria for licensure, the Board intends to clarify 1730-03-.04(b). This rule mandates that applicants must graduate from a veterinary technology program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). In June 2006, the AVMA Executive Board approved a recommendation that veterinary technician credentialing entities in the United States, including those responsible for licensing, registration, or certification, should recognize graduates of Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)-accredited veterinary technology programs. The Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners recognizes graduates of CVMA-accredited veterinary technology programs as comparable to those of the AVMA. Final eligibility determination for licensure, registration, and certification of veterinary technicians falls under the purview of each state credentialing agency. This equivalence is verified by the Board's designee; once verified, the applicant is eligible for credentialing and licensing in Tennessee.

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