



**IDFPR**

Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

# Qualifications for Licensure:

CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN  
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# READ ME FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the following information useful in applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.

- Before contacting the Department, please review our FAQ for answers to most questions. <http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/About/FAQ.html>
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS



**For awareness:** On-the-job training, apprenticeships, or internships are not accepted in the place of graduation from a certified veterinary technician program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AMVA).

### Methods of Application

- **Acceptance of Examination:** For first time applicant who meets all the requirements of [68 ILCS 1505.20](#)
- **Endorsement:** For an applicant who holds certification or licensure in the practice in another jurisdiction and meets all the requirements of [68 ILCS 1505.30](#)

### Requirements for Acceptance of Examination

1. Certification of graduation or transcripts from a certified veterinary technician program accredited by the AMVA
2. Successful completion of the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)

### Endorsement

In addition to the requirements for Acceptance of Examination, an applicant who practices as a certified veterinary technician in another state or territory of the United States must submit

- Certification of licensure from the original state in which they were licensed and
- Certification of licensure from primary current state of licensure
  - If multiple licenses are currently held, certification is only required for the primary state of licensure. License number and state will be required for additional current states of licensure.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED**

- All certified veterinary technician licenses expire on January 31 of each odd-numbered year, regardless of issuance date. Continuing Education hours are not required until the first full renewal cycle.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information, including email address, with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.