



**IDFPR**  
Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation

**Qualifications for  
Licensure:  
CERTIFIED VETERINARY  
TECHNICIAN  
(095)**

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# READ ME FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully 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.

## Important Information:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, [please review our FAQs for answers to most questions](#).
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's or this document, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.

## LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

### 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

- Certification of graduation or transcripts from a certified veterinary technician program accredited by the AMVA
- 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