

RVT ROADS TO CERTIFICATION WORKBOOK

A comprehensive guide for candidates for the
Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)

Including Alternate Route Approach - Section 2068.5
Combination of Practical Experience and Postsecondary Education

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INTRODUCTION

The California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Registered Veterinary Technician Committee has created this Workbook to help those wanting to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) in California by preparing them to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE).

The workbook outlines the three categories of eligibility for RVT certification that currently exist in California and provides information to assist in choosing the best route based on individual circumstances.

Candidates are encouraged to thoroughly research their options by obtaining information about curriculum, fees, instructor credentials, graduation requirements, financial aid, facilities for practical experience and frequency of course offerings. The pass rates for all schools and eligibility categories are a matter of public record. Results of the most recent VTNE may be obtained by contacting the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

CVMA has made every attempt to accurately present the requirements on the date of publication, however, laws, regulations and forms will be revised without notice and the candidate should periodically check the examination and licensing agencies websites to be sure they have the most up to date information. Candidates are ultimately responsible for meeting all of the requirements of the route they choose.

The (VTNE) is offered in three testing windows throughout the year. Each application window has a deadline to apply. The test date windows are:

- March 15 to April 15.
- July 15 to August 15.
- November 15 to December 15.

Candidates must submit an examination application to both the California Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) and the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) to sit for the test. The test is computer-based and administered at PSI testing centers throughout the United States and Canada. **Completed applications must be submitted by the application deadlines.**

More information about the VTNE may be accessed at the AAVSB VTNE website: <https://www.aavsb.org/vtne-overview/>

Information about California RVT eligibility and applications may be accessed at the VMB website: https://vmb.ca.gov/applicants/rvt_forms.shtml