

Adopt Vet 800 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Vet 800 NON-VETERINARIANS

PART Vet 801 VETERINARY NURSES, VETERINARY TECHNICIANS, AND VETERINARY ASSISTANTS

Vet 801.01 Definitions.

(a) “Non-veterinarian” means a veterinary nurse, a veterinary technician, or a veterinary assistant employed and who is under the direction and responsibility of a licensed veterinarian.

Vet 801.02 Testing.

(a) Anyone who has graduated from an AVMA accredited veterinary technology or veterinary nursing program shall be eligible to take the VTNE offered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

(b) Anyone who has a bachelor’s degree with a concentration in pre-veterinary medicine and has 2 years of on-the-job training covering the tasks listed in Vet 802 and verified by a letter from a licensed supervising veterinarian shall be eligible to take the VTNE offered by the AAVSB until May 1, 2026. Anyone who wishes to take the VTNE after May 1, 2026 shall comply with (a) above.

(c) Anyone who has obtained 4 years of on-the-job training covering the tasks listed in Vet 802 and verified by a letter from a supervising veterinarian shall be eligible to take the VTNE offered by the AAVSB until May 1, 2026. Anyone who wishes to take the VTNE after May 1, 2026 shall comply with (a) above.

PART Vet 802 TASKS ALLOWED TO BE PERFORMED BY A VETERINARY NURSE OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Vet 802.01 Veterinary Nurse or Veterinary Technician.

(a) Under the immediate supervision of the licensed veterinarian, the veterinary nurse and veterinary technician shall be authorized to assist during surgical procedures.

(b) Under direct supervision the following tasks may be delegated to a veterinary nurse or veterinary technician:

- (1) Induction and maintenance of anesthesia, by inhalant gas or intravenous method, including placing of endotracheal tube;
- (2) Euthanasia;
- (3) Administration of parenteral sedatives, including those intended as a premedication for anesthesia;
- (4) Blood or blood component collection, preparation or administration for the purpose of blood banking or transfusion;

- (5) Application of bandages and splints;
 - (6) Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus and plaque, polishing, and application of barrier sealants; and
 - (7) Central intravenous or arterial catheterization.
- (c) Under indirect supervision, the following tasks may be delegated:
- (1) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications, and immunological agents by oral and parenteral routes with the exception of:
 - a. Intra-cardiac or epidural routes; and
 - b. Medications intended to induce sedation as a premedication to anesthesia;
 - (2) Intravenous catheterizations except central venous or arterial catheters;
 - (3) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;
 - (4) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing and safety procedures;
 - (5) Collection of blood;
 - (6) Collection of urine by expression, catheterization, or cystocentesis;
 - (7) Collection and preparation of tissue, cellular or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods;
 - (8) Tonometry;
 - (9) Routine laboratory test procedures;
 - (10) Handling of biohazardous waste material; and
 - (11) Measurement of blood pressure.

(d) Other services may be delegated which a veterinary nurse or veterinary technician is competent to perform as directed by the supervising veterinarian based on the veterinary technician or veterinary nurses' skill level and shall include at a minimum indirect supervision unless those services are prohibited by this chapter or RSA 332-B.

(e) Under conditions of emergency, a veterinary nurse or veterinary technician may render the following aid and treatment:

- (1) Without a direct order from a licensed veterinarian:
 - a. Application of a tourniquet or pressure bandage to control hemorrhage;
 - b. Resuscitative procedures not to include administration of drugs or defibrillation;

- c. Application of splints, wound dressings or bandages to prevent further damage of or to bones or soft tissue;
- d. Peripheral intravenous catheterization; and
- e. Oxygen therapy.

(2) After a direct order from a licensed veterinarian, a veterinary nurse or technician may perform the administration of pharmacological agents or parenteral fluids.

(f) No veterinary nurse or veterinary technician shall:

- (1) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (2) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances; or
- (3) Perform surgery.

PART Vet 803 STUDENTS

Vet 803.01 Students in a Veterinary Technician Program. A person who is a student in an AVMA accredited veterinary technology program or a post-secondary pre-veterinary program may perform the tasks described in Vet 802.01 while working under the direct supervision of a credentialed veterinary nurse or veterinary technician assuming the appropriate level of veterinary supervision as outlined in Vet 802.

PART Vet 804 VETERINARY ASSISTANTS

Vet 804.01 Tasks Allowed to be Performed by Veterinary Assistants. On order of the supervising veterinarian and as appropriate to the level of the veterinarian assistant’s skill as determined by the supervising veterinarian, a veterinary assistant under indirect supervision, may:

- (a) Monitor anesthesia under immediate supervision;
- (b) Obtain and prepare blood samples;
- (c) Perform laboratory services for which an assistant has been trained and shall be conducted under indirect supervision as defined in Vet 102.01(u);
- (d) Administer oral medication, subcutaneous injections, and fluids, except those intended to induce sedation prior to anesthesia which shall only be administered under immediate supervision;
- (e) Connect and disconnect intravenous fluids; and
- (f) Restrain the animal.

APPENDIX I

Rule	State Statute
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Vet 800	RSA 332-B:7-a, X, RSA 541-A:16,I(b)