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Vet 800 Administrative Rules - Veterinary Nurses, Veterinary Technicians, and Veterinary Assistants

The NH Board of Veterinary Medicine finalized and adopted Vet 800 Veterinary Nurses, Veterinary Technicians, and Veterinary Assistants administrative rules, effective May 15, 2023. These rules outline tasks allowed to be performed by veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants. These rules also include a clause allowing individuals meeting specific requirements who have not graduated from an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary technology program to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) until **May 1, 2026**, to become credentialed (“alternative pathway”).

For those seeking certification through an alternative pathway (On the Job Training).

The State of Wisconsin currently allows non-Wisconsin residents to apply to sit for the VTNE and then become certified in Wisconsin (ref. [Veterinary Technician Certification Application Process](#) and [Veterinary Technician Application](#)). Those eager to move forward with sitting for the VTNE could consider applying to take the VTNE through WI. **After passing the VTNE** you would be eligible to apply for certification in NH using the Alternative Pathway Application. This alternative pathway to becoming certified with the NHVTA expires on **October 15, 2026**.

NHVTA alternative pathway for certification process

- Use this link, [Veterinary Exam Score Transfers | VAULT Basic \(aavsb.org\)](#), to transfer your VTNE score to the NHVTA.
- Use this link, [NHVTA Alternative Pathway Application](#), to apply for NHVTA certification.

For those individuals who may be currently certified in Wisconsin

The NHVTA updated its reciprocity rules for a limited time to allow reciprocity from states that do not meet the NHVTA standard of a degree from an AVMA-approved Veterinary Technology program and a passing score on the VTNE to make a path for those pursuing the VTNE through NH to be certified with the NHVTA. In doing so it allowed reciprocity from those credentialed in another state, including Wisconsin. This alternative reciprocity pathway to becoming certified with the NHVTA expires on October 15, 2026.

NHVTA reciprocity for certification process

- Use this link, [Veterinary Exam Score Transfers | VAULT Basic \(aavsb.org\)](#), to transfer your VTNE score to the NHVTA.
- Use this link, [NHVTA Reciprocity Application](#), to apply for NHVTA certification.

Vet 800 requirements may be satisfied by taking the VTNE through WI and applying for NH certification via Alternative Pathway Application, maintaining a certification, license, or registration in any other state, or using reciprocity to transfer and maintain your certification in NH. **NHVTA CVT Membership**