



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 7, 2014
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer DCA/Veterinary Medical Board
SUBJECT	RVT Alternate Route - Ad Hoc Qualifying Method

Background:

Registered veterinary technician (RVT) examination eligibility in CCR section 2068.5 is commonly referred to as the “Alternate Route” because it is an examination eligibility pathway (requiring a mix of education and experience) that is an alternative to completing a two-year curriculum at an AVMA accredited RVT program. The pathway was originally designed for individuals who were already working in the profession and for whom it was difficult or impossible to stop working in order to go to a full time two year program.

Education required under the Alternate Route pathway is commonly obtained through organized alternate route “programs” or through a collection of college and continuing education courses (ad hoc qualifying method). Alternate Route education is required in ten specific RVT task areas and six general science areas for a total of 300 hours of education.

Board staff has noticed recent changes in how applicants are obtaining their required education for examination eligibility using the ad hoc qualifying method.

In order to better understand how applicants are meeting educational requirements through the ad hoc qualifying method, staff collected a sample of recent RVT applicant education data. This collection of data shows that applicant education across the ten specific RVT task areas and six general science areas is varied. On average, education in general science makes up a larger portion of the total education hours obtained (87%) whereas education in specific RVT task areas is uneven and a smaller portion of the total hours obtained (13%).

This issue is currently before the Board’s Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee and will be on their agenda for further discussion at their August meeting.

Action(s) Requested

No action requested – informational only

Attachment(s):

Sample of RVT Alternate Route Qualifying Education for Examination Eligibility

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ATS ID#	19696	18435	16249	16514	15638	15735	19790	19824	19999	19384	19742	19825	19145	18039	19485	19188	16408	Avg. Hours per Category	Pct. of Total Req. Hours
Dental	5	3.5	2	1	11	4	11	8.5	3	1	3	1	2	15	2	6	3	4.8	1.6%
Anesthesia	12	6	1	20	9	1	8	83	2	16	1	1	1	12	2	6	3	10.8	3.6%
Surgery	7	2	1	1	1.5	2	3	71	1	2	5	1	2	18	2	15	2	8.0	2.7%
Suturing	1.5	3	2	1	0	2	1	5.5	2	1	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1.8	0.6%
Casts/Splints	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	10	2	1	3	1	1	4	1	1	2	2.2	0.7%
Radiation	5	2	2	1	4	4	2	51	4	5	6	3	2	5	1	2	45	8.5	2.8%
Diseases	10	4	3	45	0	4	2	10	2	1	8	30	2	3	1	8	2	7.9	2.6%
Zoonotic	1	2	5	5	15	4	10	10	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	4.2	1.4%
Emergency	12	3	0	15	1	8.5	4	20	2	1	15	1	3	1	1	3	1	5.4	1.8%
IV Catheter	2	1.5	0	1	1	0	1	18	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.3	0.8%
Chemistry	120	160	15	1	60	160	90	0.5	1	75	60	120	40	60	270	270	1	88.4	29.5%
Math	150	80	45	30	15	120	40	0.5	45	75	60	40	105	45	90	80	45	62.7	20.9%
Biology	550	40	135	15	60	80	80	0.5	60	60	60	150	150	60	280	90	60	113.6	37.9%
Microbiology	50	60	60	0	2	40	30	0.5	1	1	1	40	3	60	40	40	1	25.3	8.4%
A&P	45	40	60	0	60	50	50	1	1	75	60	40	5	60	210	220	60	61.0	20.3%
Terminology	0	0	0	0	2	2	15	10	6	3	3	1	1	30	2	70	30	10.3	3.4%

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Did not qualify	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X
Failed Exam			X												X		
Passed/ Licensed										X	X						
Has Not Taken Exam												X	X	X			