

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 700-6 REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS,
BOARD RULE 700-6-.01 APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSE
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 700-6-.01. Application for Veterinary Technician License

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to Board Rule Chapter 700-6 Registration of Veterinary Technicians, Board Rule 700-6-.01 Application for Veterinary Technician License (hereinafter “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-board-veterinary-medicine-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m., June 4, 2025**, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **May 28, 2025**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The written comments may be emailed to PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meetings on February 10, 2021, August 25, 2021, May 10, 2023, June 21, 2023, April 29, 2024, June 26, 2024, and August 21, 2024. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§

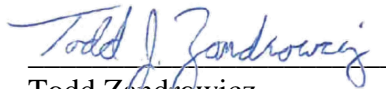
43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of veterinary medicine.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 24th day of April, 2025.



Todd Zandrowicz
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: April 24, 2025

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD RULES CHAPTER 700-6 REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS
BOARD RULE 700-6-.01. APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
LICENSE**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to add a provision that proof of graduation from a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medicine Association may be provided electronically or by an official transcript. This language already existed in the rule but was moved from another section and therefore has no substantive impact on the Rules. The amendments also clarify that it is Joint Secretary Rule or Policy which dictates when an application for licensure expires as well as the steps an applicant will need to take if the application is withdrawn due to expiration. The changes proposed within the rule carry out the policy objectives that are expressed in Georgia Veterinary Practice Act and the General Provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are consistent with that which is stated within those statutes.

Rule 700-6-.01. Application for Veterinary Technician License

- (1) Application for licensure of Veterinary Technicians shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- (2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section 43-50-52 of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:
 - (a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;
 - (b) The applicant is of good moral character; and
 - (c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association; The veterinary technician program may provide the electronic submission of proof of graduation or an official transcript.~~however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis. The veterinary technician program may provide the electronic submission of proof of graduation or an official transcript.~~
- (3) All applicants for licensure must present proof of having obtained a passing scaled score of at least 425 where the scores range from 200-800 or a passing score of at least 75 when the range is from 0-100 on the National Veterinary Technician Examination or other examination similar in nature and scope as the Board from time to time will adopt.
 - (a) Such previous scores must be reported to the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine by the Interstate Reporting Service.
 - (b) Candidates desiring to transfer scores must pay all applicable fees.
- (4) Proof of a passing score on the Georgia Veterinary Technician Law Exam.

- (5) All applications for licensure ~~expire one year from the date of receipt of the application and non-refundable fee~~ must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary rules and/or policies. All applications not completed within the designated timeframe shall be considered "expired" and there shall be no refund of the application fee. Following expiration of an application, a new application in its entirety, to include all required fees, shall be required for consideration of licensure.
- (6) Licenses shall be renewable biennially by December 31 of the year in which the license expires.
- (a) Licenses must be renewed within ~~one year after expiration date~~ the period established by the division director with the payment of the renewal and late fees.
- (b) Failure to comply voids the license.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-52 and 43-50-110.

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