

### **321.441 Registration of veterinary technologists and technicians -- Exception.**

- (1) An applicant for registration as a veterinary technologist shall be a graduate of an accredited program of veterinary technology approved by the board and have met all the requirements of the board. An applicant for registration as a veterinary technician shall possess an associate degree related to veterinary sciences, or its equivalent, approved by the board and have met all the requirements of the board. An applicant for registration as a veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall pass a written and practical examination as determined by the board to assess the qualifications and fitness of an applicant to engage in the practice.
- (2) Registration issued to a veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall not be active until the veterinary technologist or veterinary technician is employed and is under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in this Commonwealth. A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician's registration is considered to be inactive until registration is activated by returning a renewal application signed by the supervising veterinarian and the application is approved by the board. Each veterinary technologist or veterinary technician registered by the board shall pay an annual fee as prescribed by the board. Each veterinary technologist or veterinary technician registered by the board shall attend annual continuing education hours as required by the board to renew the registration. Failure to renew shall result in the termination of registration. If a hearing is requested upon the rejection of an application, or upon the termination of registration, a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provision of KRS 321.360.
- (3) The services of a veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall be limited to the performance of duties under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian except for the routine administration of drugs, vaccines, parasite control agents, and growth stimulating implants for food animals prescribed by a veterinarian and under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian where a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists. A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall receive no fee or compensation for services other than salary or compensation paid by the establishment by which the veterinary technologist or veterinary technician is employed. A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall not participate in the operation of a branch office, clinic, or allied establishment unless a licensed veterinarian is on the premises. A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician shall not diagnose, prescribe medication or treatment, or perform surgical procedures other than castrating and dehorning of food animals. A veterinary technologist or veterinary technician may assist a veterinarian in all duties of veterinary medicine and surgery.
- (4) A veterinarian shall utilize the services of a veterinary technologist or veterinary technician in accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter. Unauthorized utilization of veterinary technologist or veterinary technicians by veterinarians shall be considered as aiding and abetting any unlicensed person to practice veterinary medicine as described in KRS 321.351.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit volunteer health practitioners from providing services under KRS 39A.350 to 39A.366.

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**History:** Amended 2007 Ky. Acts ch. 96, sec. 20, effective June 26, 2007. -- Created 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 299, sec. 7, effective July 14, 1992.

**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/92).** This statute was created in 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 299, which contains the enrolled text of Senate Bill 250. A committee substitute for this bill was adopted by the House with a floor amendment, and the Senate subsequently concurred in this action by the House; this amended substitute thus became the enrolled version of the bill. In drafting the House Committee Substitute, the original Section 10 of the bill was deleted in its entirety, but internal section references within the bill were not renumbered to reflect this deletion. Therefore, in codifying this statute, the internal section references within Acts ch. 299, sec. 7, have been changed pursuant to KRS 7.136(1).