

**Veterinary Medical Examiners, Board of Occupational Licenses**

Application License Name	Required Education Level	Required Experience/Qualifications	Statutory Citation	Fees
Registered Veterinary Technician	Associate's Degree in Applied Science Possible areas of study include a basic core of English, history, and government. Subjects related to this field include physiology, nutrition, laboratory techniques, animal nursing, pharmacology, and radiology. Eight-week preceptor at a veterinary clinic under a licensed veterinarian.	State examination.	O.S. § 698.1	Application Fee - \$430 (for national exam and Application Fee total) Renewal fee - \$45
Veterinarians	Graduate from an accredited college with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree Possible areas of study include physical and biological sciences and veterinary medicine. Professional training includes considerable practical experience through rotations that provide experience in diagnosing and treating animal diseases, performing surgery, and performing laboratory work in anatomy, biochemistry, and other medical and scientific subjects.	Three recommendations must be submitted. The recommendations must be a representation of clinical skills and competence and authored by a colleague who is currently licensed in a state of the United States and in good standing with licensing jurisdiction of that state. Good moral character At least 21 years of age	O.S. § 698.1	Renewal fee - \$225 NAVLE - \$790 OSBE - \$150
Non Veterinary Equine Dental Technician	complete 80 hours of training from a Board accepted program or certification from International Association of Equine Dentistry or its equivalent approved by the Board	Not applicable	O.S. § 698.1	\$200/year Application fee - \$200

Non Veterinary Reproductive Service Technician	hold a Ph.D w/emphasis in animal reproductive physiology, or Master of Science w/emphasis in animal reproductive physiology in addition to having Board Certification from American Registry Professional Animal Scientists	Not applicable	O.S.§ 698.1	\$200/year Application fee - \$200
Faculty-Veterinarian	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and have Faculty position at one of states institution of higher learning	Not applicable	O.S.§ 698.1	Application fee - \$125 Renewal fee - \$175
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	High school diploma or GED	Training and passing of state examination	O.S.§ 698.1	Certification fee - \$200 Renewal fee is - \$40 per year



# Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite C  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
Main (405) 522-8831 Fax (405) 522-8034

## Occupational License Blueprint

### License Details

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - a person who has received a degree in veterinary medicine or its equivalent from a school of veterinary medicine; “Licensed veterinarian” means any veterinarian who holds an active license to practice veterinary medicine in this state;

Faculty - veterinary faculty license issued to a veterinarian associated with one of the state’s institutions of higher learning and involved in the instructional program of either undergraduate or graduate veterinary medical students.

Non-veterinary equine dental care provider – individual that has completed at least eighty (80) hours of training in equine dentistry at the Texas Institute of Equine Dentistry, the Academy of Equine Dentistry or a similar program approved by the Board.

Non-veterinary reproductive services technician – individual who qualifies and passes a written certification examination approved by the Board and who holds a Ph.D. from an accredited college or university with emphasis in animal reproductive physiology, or a Master of Science degree from an accredited college or university with emphasis in animal reproductive physiology and Board Certification in animal physiology by the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists.

Certified Euthanasia technician (CAET) - must be an employee of a law enforcement agency, an animal control agency, or animal shelter that is recognized and approved by the Board, who is certified by the Board and trained to administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets and other animals. Be at least eighteen years old, take and pass a written jurisprudence examination and a practical examination for euthanasia of animals.

### What does the license cover after licensing and meeting qualifications

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine – a health professional who specializes in the causes and treatment of diseases and disorders of domestic and wild animals; allows diagnosing, surgery, treating, correcting, changing, relieving, physical or mental conditions including the prescribing

or administering of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, telemedicine, animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment, or other therapeutic diagnostic substance or technique; dentistry; complementary and alternative therapies; provides health care to the state's animal population, including, livestock, poultry, and pets.

Faculty veterinarian – same as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine but can only practice at the state's institutions of higher learning - Oklahoma State University. This is considered a modified license.

Non-veterinary equine dental care provider – Allows the removal of enamel points and the smoothing, contouring and leveling of dental arcades and incisors of equine and other farm animals. It shall not include dental procedures on canines and felines.

Non-veterinary reproductive services technician – shall be limited to nonsurgical embryo transfer in ruminating animals including cattle, sheep, goats, farmed deer and other ruminating exotic animals such as those found in zoos, and may include basic ultrasonography of their ovaries to evaluate the response to embryo-transfer-associated procedures and of the uterus to determine pregnancy by the detection of a heartbeat within the transferred embryo at or greater than twenty-eight (28) days of gestation of such ruminating animals

Certified euthanasia technician - an employee of a law enforcement agency, an animal control agency, or animal shelter that is recognized and approved by the Board, who is certified by the Board and trained to administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets and other animals. Once certified by the Board they are allowed to obtain an Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Registration as well as a Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to humanely euthanize animals.

### **What is the compelling public interest**

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine - As licensed professionals overseeing and safeguarding the use of prescription drugs in animals, a veterinarian helps ensure the proper administration, dosage and usage of veterinary drugs, including drug withdrawal times for food animals. Without such safeguards drug diversion could occur that may be used for non-medicinal purposes or contaminated animal food sources could occur, thereby threatening public health and safety. The veterinarians are responsible for the safety of food of animal origin through animal inspections and certification and also checking for treating zoonotic (diseases that are spread from animals to people) and contagious diseases.

Faculty veterinarian – same as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine but can only practice at the state's institutions of higher learning - Oklahoma State University.

Non-veterinary equine dental care provider – Being registered or holding a permit protects the public and animals from incompetent individuals. Contagious diseases, both to humans and to animals, can be spread by the services performed by unlicensed and untrained lay people.

Non-veterinary reproductive services technician - Being registered or holding a permit protects the public and animals from incompetent individuals. Contagious diseases, both to humans and to animals, can be spread by the services performed by unlicensed and untrained lay people. Furthermore, food animals treated by unlicensed individuals could have drug residues that go undetected and contaminate human food supplies.

Certified euthanasia technician - Once certified by the Board they are allowed to obtain an Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Registration as well as a Drug Enforcement Administration Registration . The Board properly trains these individuals the pharmacology of, safe and humane administration of, and proper storage of controlled dangerous substances for animal sedation, tranquilization, and humane euthanasia. Also, euthanasia technicians are trained to humanely euthanize the state’s population of unwanted, ill, or injured companion animals and some wildlife as necessary; without oversight by the Veterinary Board drug diversion could easily occur. The Board conducts an extensive background check (fingerprint cards) with the OK State Bureau of Investigations as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigations to ensure all individuals have not had any adverse events in their past.

### **Least restrictive means**

This is the least restrictive means –the licensing/credentialing of veterinarians, non-veterinary technicians and euthanasia technicians is very crucial because of the potential risk of drug diversion by an unregulated individual. Research shows an unregulated person is more likely to divert a controlled substance (opioids) for their own use, friends, relatives or even selling them “on the street”. When an individual has nothing at stake such as a license they are more likely to divert an opioid, (they have nothing to lose). An individual that is licensed or credentialed will more often give up their family, friends but typically not their career.

Credentialing the non-veterinary group gains them credibility and raises the standard of those who perform equine dental floating and reproductive services; these individuals can assist veterinarians on the farms and ranches of Oklahoma by referring cases that enable veterinarians to detect and diagnose diseases in a more timely fashion and protect the herd health in Oklahoma. Statistics show that the credentialed non-veterinary group are more likely to partner with a licensed veterinarian.

**Controlling number of market participants on the Board**

6 Board members – 5 licensed veterinarians and 1 lay member  
There is active supervision of the Board  
Governor appoints members – Senate confirms

Actions of the Board have oversight by the Attorney General rendering an official opinion on the Board actions. The Board also contracts with the Attorney General – Legal Counsel section and has a part-time (20 hrs) Assistant Attorney General on staff to guide the Board.

**Expand on the fees collected by your Agency/Board**

Renewals of Licenses	\$498,000	<i>(DVM 2000) (RVT 565) (CAET 125) (Faculty 40)(Non-Vet 19)</i>
Fees for New Licenses	50,000	
SUB TOTAL	\$548,000	
10% PAYABLE	<u>-54,800</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$493,200</b>	

**How does your Agency/Board plan to implement new laws relating to felony convictions and military member/spouse reciprocity**

We are proposing new statutes to be added to the Practice Act next year and the Board meets a minimum of 6 meetings per year, which will allow us to issue a license in a timely manner.

**How your Agency/Board has, or will, implement provisions in last session’s HB 2933, codified at 59 O.S. § 4003, which requires a one-time, one-year, fee waiver for low-income individuals.**

The Bill has exception for health care profession licenses/certifications; we are a health care profession. (Veterinary Medical Examiners)