

IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Policy Name: VETERINARY TECHNICIANS—CERTIFICATION

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Purpose: To interpret and apply certification provisions of Board rule.

Policy: Idaho Code § 54-2105 (8), authorizes the Veterinary Board to, among other things, establish, examine and determine the qualifications necessary for a person to practice in Idaho as a certified veterinary technician. Pursuant to this statutory authority, in or about 2001, the Board promulgated administrative rules, including BOVM Rule 100 (IDAPA 46.01.01.100), entitled "Certification of Veterinary Technicians".

BOVM Rule 100.01.c. requires an applicant for veterinary technician certification to provide documentation of education. Documentation can be provided in one of four ways:

- i. A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying graduation from a veterinary technology program, accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association;
- ii. A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying graduation from a veterinary technology program equivalent to a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or from another college or institution approved by the Board;
- iii. A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying the award of a D.V.M. or V.M.D. degree or equivalent, from an accredited school of veterinary medicine; or
- iv. If a foreign veterinary graduate, notarized verification of having been awarded a D.V.M. or V.M.D. degree or equivalent in a program of veterinary medicine from a foreign school of veterinary medicine or the veterinary department of a foreign university or another college or institution that is approved by the Board.

After careful review and discussion at open public meeting, the Board has concluded that, as regards subsection (c)(ii) above, it lacks the expertise and means to: (1) adequately evaluate whether a non-accredited veterinary technology program is equivalent to a program accredited by the AVMA, or (2) confidently determine and approve, consistent with the public safety and interest, another college or institution as acceptable for meeting the educational requirements for a veterinary technician program accredited by the AVMA.

To ensure uniformity in entry-level knowledge of certified veterinary technicians in Idaho, until the rule is amended to delete this provision, the BOVM **WILL NOT** use current Rule 100.01.c.ii. as grounds or authority for approving the educational requirement necessary for obtaining certification as a veterinary technician.