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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

MAR NOTICE NO. 2026-90.1

Summary

Amend rules pertaining to veterinary technician license requirements for clarity

Hearing Date and Time

Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Hearing Information

A public hearing will be held via remote conferencing to consider the proposed changes to the agency's rules. There will be no in-person hearing. Interested parties may access the remote conferencing platform in the following ways:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85830988847>

Meeting ID: 858 3098 8847; Password: 1507637160

Dial by Telephone: +1 646 558 8656

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Comments

Concerned persons may present their data, views, or arguments at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted at dli.mt.gov/rules or P.O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624. Comments must be received by Friday, July 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Accommodations

The agency will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. Requests must be made by Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Contact

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Rulemaking Actions

AMEND

The rule proposed to be amended is as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

24.225.601 VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSE REQUIREMENTS—ORIGINAL APPLICANTS

- (1) Applicants must meet the following education requirements:
 - (a) be a graduate of a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA); or
 - (b) demonstrate a minimum of 4500 hours of ~~on-the-job training under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed and residing in Montana~~ experience equivalent to that of a licensed veterinary technician per 37-18-701, MCA.
- (2) Applicants must pass the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).
- (3) Applicants must pass the jurisprudence examination prescribed by the board covering the statutes and rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Montana:
 - (a) applicants must pass the jurisprudence examination with a score of 90 percent or greater;
 - (b) applicants that fail the exam three times may submit a written request to the board to retake the exam for a fourth time.

Authorizing statute(s): 37-18-701, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 37-18-701, MCA

Reasonable Necessity Statement

It is reasonably necessary to amend this rule to ensure alignment with statutory authority and to remove language that is not expressly supported by statute. This amendment promotes regulatory clarity and reduces unnecessary administrative burden.

Small Business Impact

Pursuant to 2-4-111(1), MCA, the small businesses that will probably be affected by the proposed rule change to ARM 24.225.601 are veterinary practices. The board has determined that the proposed rule change will not have a direct impact on veterinary practices in Montana.

Bill Sponsor Notification

The bill sponsor contact requirements do not apply.

Interested Persons

The agency maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by the agency. Persons wishing to have their name added to the list may sign up at dli.mt.gov/rules or by sending a letter to P.O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624 and indicating the program or programs about which they wish to receive notices.

Rule Reviewer

Jennifer Stallkamp

Approval

Sarah Swanson, Commissioner

Approval

Dr. Jeanne Rankin, DVM, Presiding Officer, Board of Veterinary Medicine