

Veterinary Technologists in Saskatchewan



To become a ***Registered Veterinary Technologist***, an individual must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduate of a CVMA accredited program in veterinary technology
- Successfully pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.
- Apply for and be granted Registration with the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (www.svma.sk.ca)

The *Veterinarians Act, 1987*, is the provincial legislation which authorizes the SVMA to regulate all veterinary professionals in Saskatchewan

- The Act defines a “**veterinary technologist**” as a person:
 - (i) who holds a certificate or document indicating that he or she has completed a course of formal study or training approved by the association;
 - (ii) whose name has been entered by the registrar on the current register of veterinary technologists; and
 - (iii) who, under the direction or supervision of a member named by the association, is permitted to perform the technical procedures set out in the bylaws of the association.

Only veterinary technologists who meet the criteria and are registered with the SVMA may use the title **Registered Veterinary Technologist or RVT**

SVMA Veterinary Technologist (VT) Categories



Registered Veterinary Technologist (RVT)

- Graduate VT from a CVMA accredited program who has passed the VTNE

Veterinary Technologist – Restricted

- Graduate VT registered for the VTNE within the calendar year of graduation
- Graduate VT who has passed the VTNE but have conditions

Veterinary Technology Student

- A student currently enrolled in a CVMA/AVMA accredited Veterinary Technology program.

Non-Practising (i.e. social)

Annual Registration

- Each RVT is responsible for ensuring their registration is renewed annually prior to November 30 of each calendar year.
- Failure to renew may result in late fees, or in some instances cancellation of registration with the SVMA.

Annual Registration Requirements

All SVMA registered veterinary technologists are required to complete 10 hours of professional continuing education (CE) by December 31st of each year.

CE information is recorded in the SVMA electronic database. Certificates of completion and related documents may also be uploaded

As of January 2026, the SVMA is responsible for auditing the CE activities of RVTs

Why Continuing Education ?

The purpose of professional continuing education is to protect the public and advance the field of veterinary medicine by :

- enhancing an individuals' veterinary skills and knowledge
- ensuring the proficiency and competency of an RVT
- encouraging the health and humane treatment of animals

What activities count as valid CE?

There are many different areas of professional CE activity, and many different and varied subjects or topics may be considered appropriate for an individual. These may include:

- mandatory continuing education on specific topics identified by SVMA Council
- animal health and welfare
- practice management and communication
- technical skill development appropriate to the member's area of professional activity.

Benefits available to Registered Veterinary Technologists



- Access to:
- SVMA Group Health Plan
- SVMA Member Wellness Program
- SVMA Summer Student Program
- SVMA Online Classroom
- SVMA Webinar CE series
- CVMA Emerging Leaders Program
- Participation on SVMA Committees
- Eligible to be nominated for SVMA Awards of Distinction



- For more information on registration with the SVMA and its benefits
Please visit the SVMA website at www.svma.sk.ca