



**Compiled Regulatory Information for the  
Canadian Veterinary Technology Profession**

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<b>Recognized Titles in Canada</b>										
	BCVTA	ABVTA	SAVT	MVTA	OAVT	ATSAQ	EVTA			
							NS	NB	PEI	NL
<b>Registered</b>	RVT	RVT	RVT	RVT	RVT		RVT	RVT	RVT	RVT
<b>Certified</b>						√				
<b>Title Protection</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Use of term “Technician”</b>					√		√	√	√	√
<b>Use of term “Technologist”</b>	√	√	√	√						
<b>Use of term “Techniciens en Santé Animale –certifié”</b>						√ (TSAc)				

<b>Regulatory Status of RVTs According to Province</b>				
		Yes	No	Regulatory Body
<b>BCVTA</b>			√ (voluntary)	<b>British Columbia Veterinary Technologist Association</b> (self regulated for registered VTs)
<b>ABVTA</b>		√		<b>Alberta Veterinary Medical Association</b>
<b>SAVT</b>		√		<b>Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association</b>
<b>MVTA</b>		√		<b>Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association</b>
<b>OAVT</b>			√ (voluntary)	<b>Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians</b> (self-regulated for registered VTs)
<b>ATSAQ</b>		√		<b>Ordre des Médecins Vétérinaires du Québec</b>
<b>EVTA</b>	<b>NS</b>	√		<b>Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association</b>
	<b>NB</b>	√		<b>New Brunswick Veterinary Medical Association</b>
	<b>PEI</b>		√ (voluntary)	
	<b>NL</b>		√ (voluntary)	

	<b>Criteria Required to be Granted the Designation <i>Registered</i> or <i>Certified</i></b>
<b>BCVTA</b>	<p>(i) is a graduate of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) an animal health technology or veterinary technology program accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association or Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) a non-accredited Canadian or foreign animal health technology or veterinary technology program being not less than 2 years in duration;</p> <p>(ii) in the case of subsection (i)(B) above, has:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) completed such further education (if any) as the Society may determine; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) successfully passed the Society’s practice examination or such other practice examination recognized by the Society;</p> <p>(iii) is a member in good standing with his or her governing regulatory body (if applicable); and</p> <p>(iv) is ordinarily resident in British Columbia;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) an Inactive Member is a Person who holds all of the qualifications of an Active Member but who, on written notice to the Executive Director, intends to suspend Professional Practice for a continuous period of not less than 6 months;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) a Retired Member is a former Active Member or Inactive Member who is fully retired from Professional Practice;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(d) a Non-Resident Member is a Person who:</p> <p>(i) holds all of the qualifications of an Active Member other than subsection (a)(iv) above; and</p> <p>(ii) ordinarily resides in a Canadian province or territory not having a governing regulatory body;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) a Student Member is a Person who is enrolled in a program referenced in subsection (a)(i) above.</p>
<b>ABVTA</b>	<p>Registration with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submits proof of graduation from a CVMA or AVMA accredited program</li> <li>2. Passed the VTNE</li> </ol>
<b>SAVT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submits proof of graduation from a formal course of study in Animal Health Technology/Veterinary Technology as accredited by the CVMA and approved by the SVMA</li> <li>2. Presently resides in Saskatchewan, or who resides outside the province of Saskatchewan but is engaged in the practise of veterinary technology in the province of Saskatchewan</li> <li>3. Submits acceptance of the Association Code of Ethics</li> <li>4. Pays the prescribed fees</li> <li>5. Passed the national exam as accepted by the CVMA and approved by the SVMA</li> <li>6. A Letter of Standing is required from all jurisdictions in which veterinary technologists are regulated where the applicant has held an association or college membership</li> </ol>



<b>MVTA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submits proof of graduation from CVMA or AVMA accredited school</li> <li>2. Passed the VTNE</li> <li>3. Pays the prescribed fees</li> <li>4. Member of MVMA and MVTA</li> </ol>
<b>OAVT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submits proof of graduation from an OAVT accredited college</li> <li>2. Passed the VTNE</li> <li>3. Participate in the OAVT Professionalism &amp; Ethics Workshop</li> <li>4. Submit a clear Criminal Record Check</li> <li>5. Satisfy Continuing Education requirements on a bi-annual basis to maintain RVT status</li> <li>6. Be current with membership dues and fees</li> </ol>
<b>ATSAQ</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be an Active (graduated) ATSAQ member (Section 3.1.1) Can be received as a regular member, any qualified technician in one of the following ways:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) DEC or attestation of completion of collegial studies in Natural Sciences of Quebec from 1972-1977 inclusively</li> <li>B) DEC or certificate of completion of collegial studies in Natural Science Techniques du Québec option Zootechnics</li> <li>C) DEC or attestation of completion of collegial studies in Quebec in Animal Health Technology.</li> <li>D) DEC or attestation of completion of collegiate studies in Quebec in Techniques of the natural environment option animal health.</li> <li>E) Not having the diploma of Techniques in animal health from a CEGEP, but who was performing in Quebec, the work of a technician in animal health on April 31, 1988, and whose competence was recognized as relevant following the success of the ATSAQ review dated December 9, 1989.</li> <li>F) Anyone who is a member in good standing of an association of animal health technicians or veterinary technicians from another province or state and who has passed the National Animal Health Technician Examination (ENTSA) or other recognized national exam by the board of directors.</li> <li>G) Any person holding a collegial diploma in animal health techniques or the equivalent in a Canadian educational institution outside Quebec recognized by the association of animal health technicians or veterinary technicians in the province where the said establishment is located and who has passed the National Examination of Animal Health Technicians (ENTSA) or any other national exam recognized by the Board of Directors <a href="http://www.atsaq.org/new/content/14/Section_III_MEMBERS.html">http://www.atsaq.org/new/content/14/Section_III_MEMBERS.html</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Passed the VTNE</li> </ol>
<b>EVTA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submits proof of graduation from an Animal Health Technician / Technology, Veterinary Technician / Technology Program accredited by CVMA/AVMA/OAVT or other program recognized by the ATSAQ; OR who meets the licensing criteria established by their provincial Veterinary Medical Association</li> <li>2. Solemnly declares his/her willingness to uphold the honour and dignity of the profession in accordance with the code of ethics of the Corporation</li> <li>3. Pays the prescribed active membership fees</li> <li>4. Passed the VTNE</li> </ol> <p>NS – NSVMA licensing body – requires proof of EVTA registration, criminal records check NB – NBVMA licensing body – requires proof of EVTA registration, criminal records check</p>



### Continuing Education (CE) Credits Required for Membership Renewal:

(e.g., the number of CE credits required per year)

	Yes	No	# Credits / Year
BCVTA	√		10
ABVTA	√		15 / year or 30 / 2 years
SAVT	√		20 / 2 years
MVTA	√		15
OAVT	√		20 / 24 months
ATSAQ	For TSAc members only	√	20 / 2 year
EVTA	NS	√	15
	NB	√	15
	PEI	√	15
	NL	√	15

### Existence of a Defined Designated Task List and/or Scope of Practice

	Yes	No	Legislation Used to Define Regulatory Process
BCVTA		√	There is a proposed Scope of Practice model being discussed between the BCVTA & CVBC that will include RVTs
ABVTA	√		<a href="https://abvma.in1touch.org/document/2220/5.Guidelines%20for%20roles%20of%20RVT_students_auxilliaris_Approved%20by%20Council_Nov_15%20(1).pdf">https://abvma.in1touch.org/document/2220/5.Guidelines%20for%20roles%20of%20RVT_students_auxilliaris_Approved%20by%20Council_Nov_15%20(1).pdf</a>
SAVT		√	<a href="http://www.svma.sk.ca/uploads/pdf/BYLAWS%202016%20FINAL%20COPY%20FOR%20WEBSITE.pdf">http://www.svma.sk.ca/uploads/pdf/BYLAWS%202016%20FINAL%20COPY%20FOR%20WEBSITE.pdf</a>
MVTA	√		<a href="https://mymvta.ca/becoming-an-rvt/scope-of-practice/">https://mymvta.ca/becoming-an-rvt/scope-of-practice/</a>
OAVT		√	Yes – there is a proposed Scope of Practice model being discussed between the CVO & OAVT that will include RVTs
ATSAQ	√	√	Yes – ATSAQ has delegated tasks for TSAs No – not mandatory for TSAc's
EVTA	NS	√	<a href="https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/vettech.htm">https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/vettech.htm</a>
	NB	√	NBVMA Bylaw no. 19 <a href="http://nbvma-amvnb.ca/by-laws/">http://nbvma-amvnb.ca/by-laws/</a>
	PEI		√
	NL		√

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