

HOW DO I BECOME A “REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST” IN NOVA SCOTIA?

An applicant who has successfully completed a veterinary technologist program from an accredited school, passed the VTNE exam through the AAVSB must apply to be a member of the Eastern Veterinary Technologists Association (EVTA) and be approved by the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association (NSVMA) in order to use the protected title: “**veterinary technologist**” or a “**registered veterinary technologist**”, and to use the abbreviated title “**RVT**” or “**R.V.T**”.

FIRST STEP

Become registered with the EVTA to obtain a Certificate of Membership

Website: www.EVTA.ca

Once the application has been approved, the EVTA will issue a Certificate of Membership indicating that the applicant is a member of the EVTA for the current year.

SECOND STEP

Complete the **NSVMA RVT New Member Application** and include the required documents:

- ✚ Application Form (original signed and dated)
- ✚ Cheque for proper amount (Member Fee plus Admission Fee)
- ✚ Recent photograph printed on photo grade paper
- ✚ Copy of Certificate of Membership with the EVTA for the current year
- ✚ Copy of VTNE results page from the AAVSB
- ✚ Copy of veterinary technology program diploma from an accredited school
- ✚ Copy criminal reference check (CRC) must be done within 3 months of the application date (Documents accepted from: Police/RCMP/MyBackCheck)
- ✚ Letters of Good Standing from all other licensing jurisdictions previously worked as a RVT, if applicable

It's best to submit all the documents together

When an application is received at the NSVMA office, the applicant will be sent an email which will inform them if anything is missing and what the next step is.

Every new member must complete and **entrance quiz**, which is meant to highlight some of the obligations as a practicing RVT in Nova Scotia and also complete an **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) online course and quiz**.

When these two final items have been received, the file will then be given to the Registrar to review and approve. Once this is done, the applicant will sent an email notification with their assigned member number and effective date. Then shortly after, a welcoming letter, RVT License and receipt will be issued and mailed.

BENEFITS: Title Protection, Scope of Practice, Professional Conduct, Professional Support Program

RENEWAL: The NSVMA licensing year for RVTs is for the period July 1st – May 30th
Every RVT must renew their license annually if they wish to continue to use the protected title.