

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Disposition of Cases Involving Applicants Practicing  
Veterinary Technology Prior to Licensure**

Guidance

**Board Action for Practicing Veterinary Technology Prior to Licensure**

The Board adopted the following guidelines for resolution of a case in which an otherwise qualified veterinary technician who is not engaged in a preceptorship or externship practices veterinary technology prior to initial licensure:

Cause	Possible Action
First offense: 31 days or less	Advisory Letter
First offense: 32 to 90 days	Confidential Consent Agreement
First offense: 91 days or more	Consent Order; Reprimand

**Board Action for Unprofessional Conduct Related to Allowing Unlicensed Persons to Perform Restricted Acts**

The Board adopted the following guidelines for resolution of a case in which a licensee allowed an otherwise qualified veterinary technician who is not engaged in a preceptorship or externship to perform acts prior to licensure that are restricted to a licensed veterinary technician:

Cause	Possible Action
First offense: 31 days or less	Advisory Letter
First offense: 32 to 90 days	Confidential Consent Agreement
First offense: 91 days or more	Consent Order; Reprimand

Applicable Laws and Regulations

***§ 54.1-3805. License required.***

*No person shall practice veterinary medicine or as a veterinary technician in this Commonwealth unless such person has been licensed by the Board.*

***§ 54.1-3807. Refusal to grant and to renew; revocation and suspension of licenses and registrations.***

*The Board may refuse to grant or to renew, may suspend or revoke any license to practice veterinary medicine or to practice as a veterinary technician or registration to practice as an equine dental technician if such applicant or holder:*

*5. Is guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by regulations of the Board;*

***18VAC150-20-140. Unprofessional conduct.***

*Unprofessional conduct as referenced in subdivision 5 of § 54.1-3807 of the Code of Virginia shall include the following:*

*10. Allowing unlicensed persons to perform acts restricted to the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, or an equine dental technician including any invasive procedure on a patient or delegation of tasks to persons who are not properly trained or authorized to perform such tasks.*