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# Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

Veterinarians are almost universally licensed in the national database, but they work closely with other qualified professionals who may or may not be licensed. There are Veterinary Assistants, Veterinary Technicians, Euthanasia Technicians, and other animal caretakers who perform duties usually centered around specific venues, such as racetracks. Veterinary Technicians tend to do more technical work than Assistants, but they're still supervised by veterinarians. Euthanasia technicians is a particular qualification for the euthanasia of animals. In some states it is a task performed only by Licensed Veterinary technicians and in other states it is separately licensed.

## Common Qualifications

The qualifications vary by occupation, with veterinarians and veterinary technicians requiring clear courses of study. Assistants and Euthanasia Technicians may require a certification or other coursework.

## Examples of License Titles

These are very commonly licensed occupations. In the national occupational license database, there are 188 licenses that are clearly associated with Veterinarians or Veterinary support, representing 51 states and territories. Most have multiple licenses, with an average of 3.7 distinct licenses per state.

Veterinarians are most universally licensed, with 51 states represented. Veterinary Technicians or Technologists are licensed in 39 states. Euthanasia Technicians are licensed in 10 states and 7 states have at least one other separate license for a related occupation.

### Most common license titles:

Veterinarian  
Veterinary Technician  
Veterinary Technologist  
Animal Euthanasia Technician

### Outlier license title examples:

Veterinary - Embryo Transfer Tech  
Veterinary Livestock Assistants  
Racing -- Association Veterinarian  
Veterinary Medication Clerk

## Examples of License Boards

Typically licenses are issued by a Board with a specific veterinary focus.

### Most common board titles:

State Board of Veterinary  
Examiners  
Veterinary Medical Examining  
Board  
Board of Veterinary Medicine

### Outlier board title examples:

Board of Pharmacy, Optometric, & Veterinary Medicine  
Division of Public Health  
Division of Health Related Boards

## ONET codes

The majority of license titles are clearly associated with an occupation defined in the ONET-SOC taxonomy and often have the same title. Most ambiguous scenarios come up when determining what kind of care is provided by racing-specific employees.

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**29-1131.00 Veterinarians**

Diagnose, treat, or research diseases and injuries of animals. Includes veterinarians who conduct research and development, inspect livestock, or care for pets and companion animals.

**29-2056.00 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians**

Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals. Prepare vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and execute laboratory tests, such as urinalysis and blood counts. Clean and sterilize instruments and materials and maintain equipment and machines. May assist a veterinarian during surgery.

**31-9096.00 Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers**

Feed, water, and examine pets and other nonfarm animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories and animal hospitals and clinics. Clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize laboratory and surgical equipment. May provide routine postoperative care, administer medication orally or topically, or prepare samples for laboratory examination under the supervision of veterinary or laboratory animal technologists or technicians, veterinarians, or scientists.

**27-2023.00 Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials**

Officiate at competitive athletic or sporting events. Detect infractions of rules and decide penalties according to established regulations. Includes all sporting officials, referees, and competition judges.

## Related Occupations

While Veterinarians may be employees in the racing industry, there are also other animal caretakers in the industry that require licenses. Their duties range from basic to athletic to inspection. Capturing those in occupational coding is more challenging.

In an agricultural setting, there are workers that test for quality or infection in farm animals. There are workers who are authorized to administer antibiotics.

## Associated Certifications

These are associated with Veterinary Technicians and Assistants, not Veterinarians or Racing Associations.

**Certified Journeyman Farriers - Forging Endorsement**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Veterinary Anatomical Pathology Phase II**

[https://www.acvp.org/page/Phase\\_II?](https://www.acvp.org/page/Phase_II?)

**Veterinary Technician Specialist in Nutrition**

<https://nutritiontechs.com/candidate/>

**Veterinary Internal Medicine Technician - Small Animal Internal Medicine**

<https://www.aimvt.com/apply.html>

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**Veterinary Internal Medicine Technician - Large Animal Internal Medicine**

<https://www.aimvt.com/apply.html>

**Certified Tradesman Farrier**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Veterinary Internal Medicine Technician - Oncology**

<https://www.aimvt.com/apply.html>

**Veterinary Internal Medicine Technician - Cardiology**

<https://www.aimvt.com/apply.html>

**Laboratory Animal Technologist**

<https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification#.U5nFuFefOs0>

**Laboratory Animal Technician**

<https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification#.U5nFuFefOs0>

**Certified Equine Dental Technician**

<https://www.iaedonline.com/certification/>

**Veterinary Internal Medicine Technician - Neurology**

<https://www.aimvt.com/neuro-requirements.html>

**Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician**

<https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification>

**Certified Farrier**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Certified Journeyman Farrier**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Certified Journeyman Farriers - Therapeutic Endorsement**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Certified Journeyman Farrier - Educators Endorsement**

<https://americanfarriers.org/page/certification>

**Veterinary Technician Specialist- Nutrition**

<https://nutritiontechs.com/candidate/>

**Certified Veterinary Practice Manager**

<https://www.vhma.org/cvpm-certification/about-certification>

**Veterinary Technician National Exam**

<https://www.aavsb.org/vtne-overview/>

**Certified Manager of Animal Resources**

<https://www.aalas.org/certification/management-certification>

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**Diplomate of the ACVR - Veterinary Radiology**

<https://acvr.org/who-we-are/diplomate-accreditation/>