

The VTNE: Your Questions Answered





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Goals for Today

- Review AAVSB Resources
- Update on the VTNE Eligibility Process
- Discover how the job is analyzed and the exam is created
- Learn how to set Candidates up for success with AAVSB Offerings
- Understand opportunities to be involved with VTNE development

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EXAM SERVICES
Providing exam services including a database of exam scores for current and prospective licensees



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CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES
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Assisting the AAVSB Member Boards in efficient and effective operations

Committee Breakdown: Who is represented?



2023 VTNE Committee & AAVSB Staff

- One AVTE Veterinarian
- One AVTE Veterinary Technician
- Two RVTTC Representatives
- Two CVTEA Representatives
- Two NAVTA Representatives
- Five Members At-Large

Over ___ years of experience in education

What's Changing with VTNE Eligibility?

#1

The AAVSB approves pre-graduate testing for enrollees of CVTEA & CVMA accredited schools upon verification of good standing from the school, allowing testing during the final semester of the accredited program.

#2

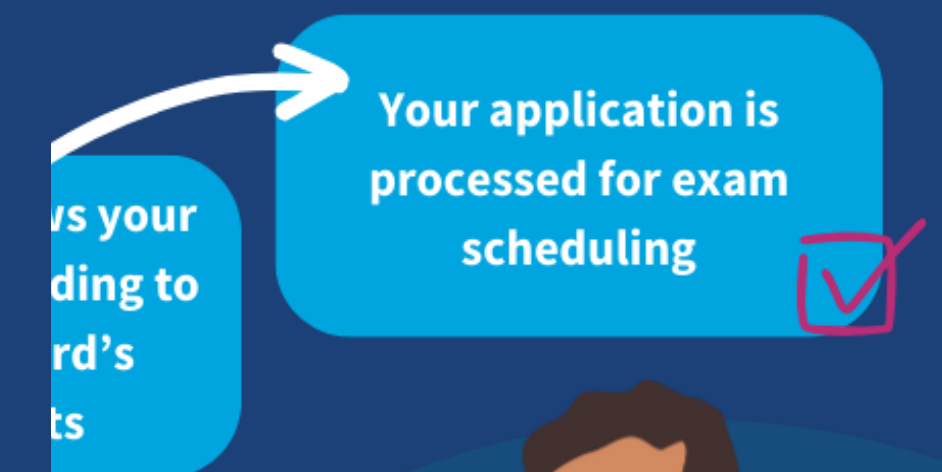
The AAVSB will evaluate and determine the eligibility of the OJT and alternate pathway candidates per each jurisdiction qualifications.

What's changing with VTNE Eligibility?

The Previous VTNE Application Process



New VTNE Application Process



Let's talk about pre-graduate VTNE Changes



What is this?

What criteria will determine whether a student can take the exam early?

What if I don't want my students taking the exam before graduation?

Where do I send my student list?

How will it work?

When does this start?

Where did this come from?

How do students taking the exam prior to graduation perform?

What else should we know about eligibility?

- Reporting request
- Jurisdictions will continue to determine licensure qualifications and pathways

Will the windows ever change to better align with graduation?

YES!

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- 4 Exam Windows Per Year
- Exam window length increased to two months

Dates:

- Feb. 15 – Apr. 15
- May 15 – Jul. 15
- Aug. 15 – Oct. 15
- Nov. 15 – Jan. 15

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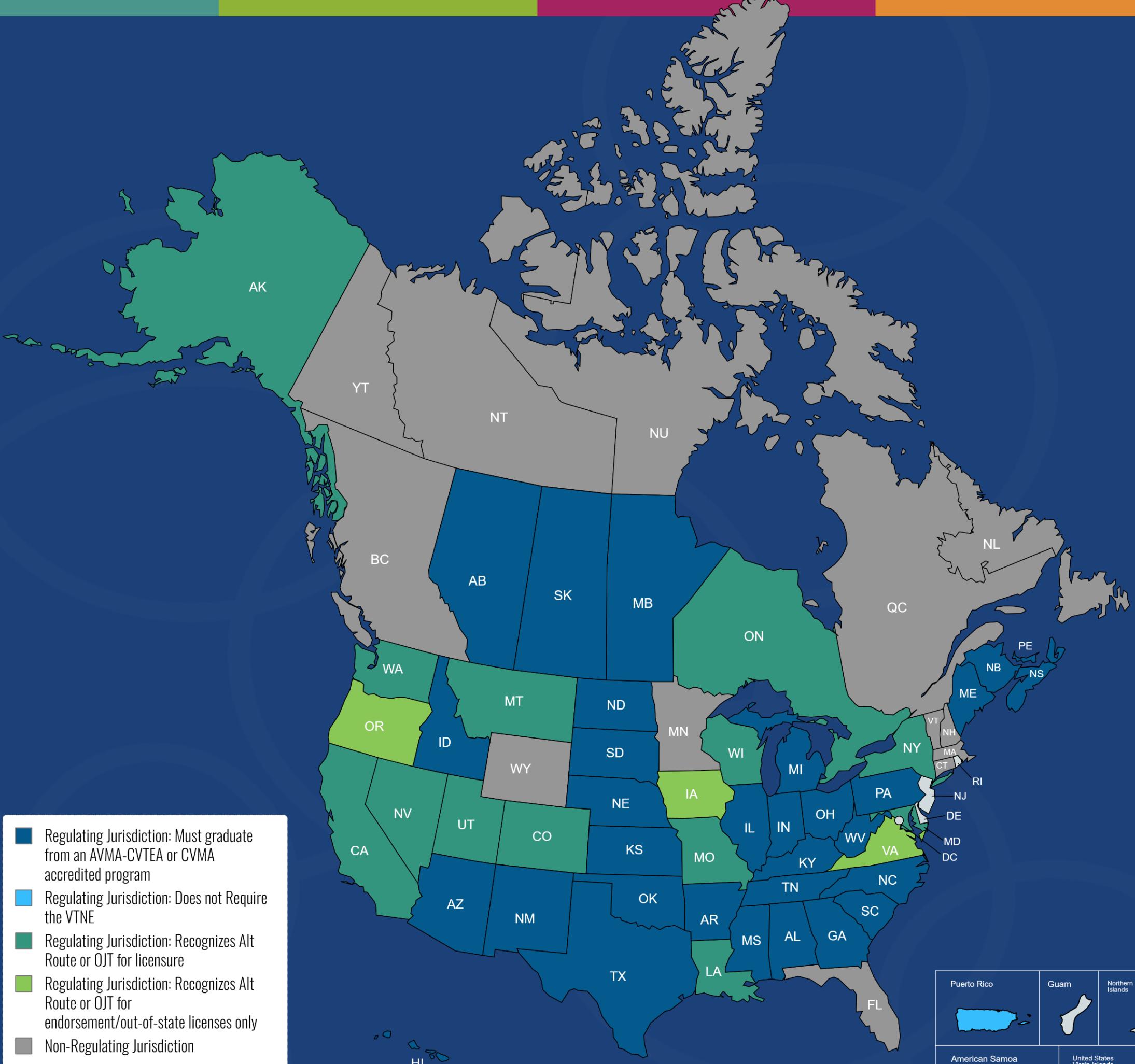
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Why are OJT candidates allowed to take the exam?



- Regulating Jurisdiction: Must graduate from an AVMA-CVTEA or CVMA accredited program
- Regulating Jurisdiction: Does not Require the VTNE
- Regulating Jurisdiction: Recognizes Alt Route or OJT for licensure
- Regulating Jurisdiction: Recognizes Alt Route or OJT for endorsement/out-of-state licenses only
- Non-Regulating Jurisdiction



What's the Job Analysis got to do with it?

What is a Job Analysis?

- A systematic process used by organizations to gather, document, and analyze information about a particular job role.
- Involves examining the tasks, duties, responsibilities, skills, qualifications, etc.
- Goal: create a comprehensive understanding of what the job entails.

What's the Job Analysis got to do with it?

What does the JA look for?

- Specific tasks and duties performed by individuals in this job role
- Required knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics
- Working conditions and job demands
- Necessary qualifications, certifications, and educational backgrounds
- How this job fits within the profession structure and goals

AVMA & CVTEA Involvement in VTNE Development

- Committee and Job Analysis Participation
- AVMA & CVTEA Involvement in VTNE Development

TASK	INCLUDED IN COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
Perform as Surgical Assistant or Circulating Nurse		
<i>Properly pass instruments and supplies</i>		
<i>Maintain proper operating room conduct and asepsis</i>		
<i>Assist with care of exposed tissues and organs</i>		
Keep operative records		
Operate/maintain/suction and cautery machines		
Operate and maintain fibre optic equipment		
Perform Post-Surgical Procedures		
<i>Perform post-surgical clean-up</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equipment</i> • <i>Surgical room or area</i> • <i>Instruments</i> • <i>Patient</i> • <i>Personnel</i> • <i>Proper disposal of hazardous medical waste</i> 		
Provide post-operative care:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pain management • wound management • discharge instructions • <i>suture removal</i> 		
<i>Maintain and operate anesthetic delivery and monitoring equipment:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>pulse oximeter</i> • <i>esophageal stethoscope</i> • <i>electrocardiograph (e.g., recognize abnormal rhythms/audible sounds, properly apply leads)</i> • <i>anesthetic machines, including rebreathing systems, non-rebreathing systems, induction chambers and masks</i> • <i>endotracheal tube</i> 		

2	Surgical Nursing	20
A	Utilize knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology as it applies to surgical nursing.	
B	Prepare the surgical environment, equipment, instruments, and supplies to meet the needs of the surgical team and patient.	
C	Prepare patient for surgical procedure.	
D	Function as a sterile surgical technician to ensure patient safety and procedural efficiency.	
E	Function as a circulating (non-sterile) surgical technician to ensure patient safety and procedural efficiency.	
F	Clean instruments by the appropriate method (including but not limited to manual, soak, or ultrasonic).	
G	Maintain aseptic conditions in surgical suite and during surgical procedures.	
H	Maintain the surgical environment, equipment, instruments, and supplies to meet the needs of the surgical team and patient.	
I	Sterilize equipment and supplies by the appropriate method (including but not limited to steam, gas).	
7	Anesthesia	20
A	Utilize knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology as it applies to anesthesia.	
B	Assist in the development and implementation of an anesthetic plan to ensure patient safety and procedural efficacy.	
C	Prepare anesthetic equipment and related supplies to ensure operator and patient safety.	
D	Maintain anesthetic equipment and related materials to ensure reliable operation.	
E	Establish and maintain a patent airway using endotracheal intubation.	
F	Monitor and respond to patient status during all stages of anesthesia (pre-, peri-, and post-).	

Why are there so many large animal questions?

- Items tethered to specific categories
- Test items and impact
- Reading the question thoroughly – it may not be a large animal question

Is the exam getting harder?

- Standard Setting Process
- Attend tomorrow's session with PSI's Charlie Bonfert for in-depth discussion on how an item gets onto the exam

How can I best prepare students to take the VTNE?

- AAVSB Presentations to Students
- Study materials & Practice Tests
- VTNE Awards

What student opportunities should I be aware of?



VTNE Award

What?

Awarded to a student from an accredited program expected to graduate during the calendar year in which the award is given.

Who?

No application required; program faculty selects a recipient.

When?

Deadline for submission is December 1st. Award recipients will be announced in April, August, and December.

Where?

More details can be found on our [website](#).

Celebrating Diversity Award

What?

Awarded to a minority-identifying student graduating from an accredited program.

Who?

Application required.

When?

Deadline to apply is March 15th. Award recipient will be announced May 1st.

Where?

Link to the application can be found on our [website](#).

Reminders

Practice Exam raffle – stop by the AAVSB booth to enter!

Tomorrow, attend Charlie Bonfert's presentation about item writing and volunteer opportunities with the VTNE.



Questions

Volunteer with the AAVSB!



Volunteer opportunities include item writing, exam development, and becoming a committee member. If you'd like to be more involved with VTNE opportunities, please fill out this form.