



## Q & A Regarding the Proposed Veterinary Technician Licensure

**Q:** Can I begin to use the title LVT?

**A:** You cannot call yourself a Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) until you have gone through the licensure process that will be implemented by the Montana Board of Veterinary Medicine starting January 1, 2023. **You must go through the licensure process** set forth by the State Board to obtain your license and call yourself a Licensed Veterinary Technician.

**Q:** What will the licensing fee be?

**A:** The proposed initial license will be \$150 and the proposed renewal will be \$50 each November. Twenty hours of CE will be required on even years.

**Q:** How will the transition from CVT to LVT work?

**A:** As of right now, we are still CVTs in Montana credentialed through the BSVTA.

**Montana Certification (CVT) will expire 12/31/2022. You will be required to fill out a certification application and provide your certificates of attendance to 16 hours of CE by 12/31/2022 (8 hours of CE required if you were newly certified in 2021, no CE required if you were newly certified in 2022). This will extend your certification to 6/30/2023 to allow you time to apply and receive your license (LVT) under the Montana Veterinary Board of Medicine.**

**Q:** Do I need to wait until December to send in my certification application with my proof of CE?

**A:** No. If you have your required CE already, it would be most helpful to us for you to fill out the application and turn in your hours as soon as possible. This will help facilitate a timely licensing process.

**Q:** Will there be a charge for this certification extension?

**A: There will be no charge for this extension.**

**Q:** Will anyone still be called a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT)?

**A:** No. After 6/30/2023 there will no longer be Certified Veterinary Technicians in Montana.

Please visit the Board of Veterinary Medicine's website: <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/veterinary-medicine/>

The public comment period is now open with a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2022 - for more information please visit: <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/veterinary-medicine/regulations/rule-notice>

Please watch for email communications and Facebook posts to keep updated on where things currently are. If you have any questions, please send them to: [bsvta2017lvt@gmail.com](mailto:bsvta2017lvt@gmail.com) or [marciacantrellcvt64@gmail.com](mailto:marciacantrellcvt64@gmail.com).