

**2023 Updated Regulations
South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**

Regulation Update

Several regulations for the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, found in Chapter 120, have been updated and are **effective May 26, 2023**.

Specifically, these changes are as follows:

- 120-1.D, is a new definition to define an emergency animal patient.
- 120-1.E, is a new definition to define imaging.
- 120-3.B(5), definition is redefined to replace “State examination” with “application for licensure”.
- 120-3C, Combines section (1) (2) and (3) regarding examinations.
- 120-3.C(2), provides guidance on applying for licensure if exam scores are older than five years, before the date of application.
- 120-8D, is a new section regarding supervision of Unlicensed Veterinary Aides.
- 120-9, removes the section of an unlicensed veterinary assistant and titles it, “Practice Standards for: Licensed Veterinary Technician”.
- 120-9A(1), (2) and (3), restructures “Immediate Supervisions”, “Direct Supervision” and “Indirect Supervision” of a Licensed Veterinary Technician under a Licensed Veterinarian. This restructure allows for a broader scope of practice for a Licensed Veterinary Technician.
- 120-9A(4), is new language to allow other services to be performed under the appropriate degree of supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- 120-9A(5), redefines emergency patient to “acute care for emergency medical conditions”. This section also combines the emergency care of a patient and lists it as “a licensed veterinary technician may follow standing medical orders that have been established by a veterinarian until the patient is stabilized or a veterinarian can provide supervision”.
- 120-9A(5), is renumbered to (6) and a “veterinary nurse” is included in prohibited titles.
- 120-9.B, language replaces “In accordance with S.C. Code Section 40-69-270(C), licensed veterinarians may delegate duties superseding the above scope of practice restrictions to licensed veterinary technicians holding specialty certification from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America’s Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialists. Duties must be within the specialty certification discipline.”

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