

OAR 875-040-0010 Certification of Technicians

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RULE SUMMARY:

Current rule restricts the hands-on training of Certified Euthanasia Technicians (CET) within the entity in which they are employed. Many shelters do not have an attending Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or a licensed CET on staff full-time. This makes it difficult for applicants to obtain the required hands-on training. Allowing hands-on training with any licensed DVM or CET will give applicants additional options for obtaining the required hands-on training.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Applicants must first apply as a CET Intern in order to obtain the training required for a permanent CET certificate. CET Interns may not act independently but only under the immediate supervision of a CET or Oregon-licensed veterinarian. The intern certificate will expire within one year of issue date and does not renew.

(a) The Board may conduct background checks on applicants and certificate holders. Applicants and certificate holders shall be required to provide any police and court records for any arrests and convictions.

(b) The applicant must be an employee or a volunteer at a humane society or animal control agency.

(c) Pay an initial certification fee of \$25.00.

(2) Upon completion of the internship's training, the intern may apply for a permanent certificate.

(3) In order for a person to become a permanent Certified Euthanasia Technician (CET), an application must include the following, within the last 12 months:

(a) 15 hours of documented observation and hands-on training done with a licensed DVM or CET and exhibits proficiency when assessed within their organization performing euthanasia of domestic pets and other animals when observed by a licensed veterinarian;
or

(b) Completion of an approved euthanasia course and exhibits proficiency when assessed within their organization performing euthanasia of domestic pets and other animals when observed by a licensed veterinarian; and

(c) Submission of an evaluation verification form attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the internship. The supervising, Oregon-licensed, veterinarian shall submit this form.

(4) Upon separation from an organization, a CET will not euthanize animals until the person is employed by or is a volunteer at another approved agency, completed specific training in association with that agency, and the CET has notified the Board.

(a) Certificates are valid only for the agency at which the person is currently working.

(b) The CET will notify the Board within 10 days of their separation from their organization.

(5) If a CET is reemployed or volunteers within 12 months of holding a CET license, the CET may apply to the Board for reactivation of their certification. After a 12-month lapse, the person must become recertified as described in (1).

(6) CET certificate holders will need to be recertified every 5 years in the form of a proficiency assessment done by an Oregon licensed veterinarian and submitted to the Board with their certificate renewal.

(7) All CET certificates expire on October 31st of each year and are in effect for one calendar year.

(8) Certificate renewal fee is \$15.

(9) Annual verification of employment or volunteer status must come directly from the organization the CET is employed or volunteers with.

(10) Failure to renew or provide verification of employment or volunteer status will result in a lapse and euthanasia duties may not be conducted until the certificate is reinstated.

(11) The Board may suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline a CET Intern or permanent CET certificate holder for unprofessional conduct or non-compliance with applicable Board statutes and rules.