WAC 246-935-135  How to obtain a temporary practice permit while the national background check is completed.  Fingerprint-based national background checks may cause a delay in licensing. Individuals who satisfy all other licensing requirements and qualifications may receive a temporary practice permit while the national background check is completed.

(1) A temporary practice permit may be issued to an applicant who:
   (a) Holds an unrestricted, active license to practice as a veterinary technician in another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards to those in Washington state;
   (b) Is not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a conditional or restricted license; and
   (c) Does not have a criminal record in Washington state.

(2) A temporary practice permit grants the individual the full scope of practice as a veterinary technician.

(3) A temporary practice permit will not be renewed, reissued, or extended. A temporary practice permit expires when any one of the following occurs:
   (a) The license is granted;
   (b) A notice of decision on application is mailed to the applicant, unless the notice of decision on the application specifically extends the duration of the temporary practice permit; or
   (c) One hundred eighty days after the temporary practice permit is issued.

(4) To receive a temporary practice permit, the applicant must:
   (a) Submit the necessary application, fee(s), and documentation for the license.
   (b) Meet all requirements and qualifications for the license, except the results from a fingerprint-based national background check, if required.
   (c) Provide verification of having an active unrestricted license to practice as a veterinary technician from another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards as Washington state.
   (d) Submit the fingerprint card and a written request for a temporary practice permit when the department notifies the applicant the national background check is required.

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