

AVTAA RECREDENTIALING APPLICATION Class 2005, 2010, 2015

The Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia credential is designed to assure the public and the profession that a veterinary technician specialist in anesthesia and analgesia is competent to provide a high standard of care to patients. The goal of recredentialing is to ensure that a specialist remains aware of new developments, methodology, and pharmacology in Anesthesia and Analgesia; as well as encourage members to improve their knowledge base through continuing education, public speaking and publications.

Instructions:

1. Enter your name, address, current contact information and place of employment on the Personal Information Page. **All members of the Academy must be credentialed and in good standing with their local veterinary governing board. Please include a current copy of your license to practice as a credentialed veterinary technician/nurse.** The Recredentialing Committee reserves the right to request additional information with the local practicing board to verify a member's credentialing status.

2. Indicate whether you want to recredential by one of two methods:

a. Retaking the AVTAA examination. This is now offered remotely via ExamSoft. You will have to apply to take the exam and have the testing site approved. You must provide proof of receipt for the exam fee.

* Members who have served on the examination committee during the last 2 years **are not** eligible to retake the examination for recredentialing.

b. Providing sufficient continuing education credits (minimum of 50 hours total) as outlined below, with proof of attendance.

3. You may choose not to **recredential**, recognizing that you will no longer be recognized as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia & Analgesia. Please send a short note to recredential chair at avtaa.vts.recredential@gmail.com stating desire to opt out of recredentialing. You will no longer be allowed to use your VTS credentials in any correspondence or marketing.

4. If you are no longer actively practicing, you may also choose to **retire from the Academy** by meeting the following requirements:

a. Active member in good standing for a minimum of 11 years;

b. Complete and return retirement form to the Recredentialing Chair.

d. Inactive/Retired members will be granted lifetime access to all academy business that occurs on the list serve, website and social media.

e. Member will be marked as "retired" on membership list and will have no voting privileges.

f. Official designation for correspondence and signature block will change from

VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia) to **VTS-R** (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

g. Recredentialing will be waived indefinitely.

h. Inactive/Retired members will be required to pay yearly dues at a reduced rate set forth by the BOD.

5. If you choose to recredential by demonstrating that you have met the requirements for accumulating sufficient continuing education, you will fill in all applicable A-D Forms. Each section has a minimum and maximum indicated. All speakers must meet AVTAA speaker qualifications for the CE credit to count. All certificates of attendance must be included with the recredentialing packet. Any omission of speaker credentials, certificates or inappropriate relevance of speaker credentials or title topics will not count for the recredentialing application. The Recredentialing Committee reserves the right to ask for additional proceedings to justify relevance of speaker credentials or topic.

*****Only CE from September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2025 will be accepted*****

a. Use **Section A** to list CE Lectures/Labs related **directly to the perioperative period of ANESTHESIA or PERIOPERATIVE ANALGESIA** (state, local, national, online). One point per hour of lecture, with a **MINIMUM** of 20 pts from this section.

b. Use **Section B** to list CE in **GENERAL VETERINARY MEDICINE/SURGERY** (state, local, national, online). One point per hour of lecture, with a **MAXIMUM** of 10 pts from this section.

c. Use **Section C** to list: **directly related to the perioperative period of ANESTHESIA or PERIOPERATIVE ANALGESIA**

i. Articles (book, chapter, journal) published by you. All articles or chapters must be in print, and only within the 5 years applicable to the current recertification application.

ii. Lectures or Labs taught by you. Proof of lecture or lab must be included.

iii. Current member and in good standing of examination or credentials committee.

This will be verified by the Recredentialing Committee. Any active participation in other committees will be determined applicable by the Recredentialing Committee for a limited number of points.

d. Use **Section D** to list articles **READ** by you or In-House training you attended or presented **directly related to the perioperative period of ANESTHESIA or PERIOPERATIVE ANALGESIA**

i. All articles must be included on a word document with title and speaker credentials listed.

ii. All In-House presentations must have proof of attendance.

6. If you choose to recredential, you are required to submit **three** examination questions. Please refer to the AVTAA question writing guidelines and examples document for more information. **The exam questions are due by June 1, 2025.** See exam writing document for submission information.

7. Sign the waiver, release and indemnity agreement.

8. **All dues must be current.** Those members that have not paid yearly dues, will not be eligible for recertification, thereby subject to dismissal from the Academy.

9. Applications must be received no later than **October 31, 2025**. Please save all files in ONE zipped folder and labeled as first name.yourlastname.recredential (John.Doe.Recredential) . Submit the zipped file via WeTransfer to the email avtaa.vts.recredential@gmail.com

Questions can be directed to Amanda Sheets and Jennifer Sager at avtaa.vts.recredential@gmail.com

Failure to submit an application for recredentialing by the deadline will result in the loss of credentialing as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia & Analgesia.

In order to ensure that applicants take an honest approach to recredentialing, you will be required to provide further proof of any information you submitted regarding recredentialing, if requested by the committee.

Evidence of dishonesty will result in the loss of credentialing as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia & Analgesia.