**Definitions and Acronyms**

**Accredited School:** Veterinary school accredited by the AVMA

**Non-Accredited School:** Veterinary school not accredited by the AVMA

**NSVMA**: Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association

**AVMA:** American Veterinary Medical Association

**CVMA:** Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

**NEB:** National Examining Board

**ECFVG**: Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates

**AAVSB**: American Association of Veterinary State Boards

**PAVE**: Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence

**NAVLE**: North American Veterinary Licensing Examination

**PSA**: Preliminary Surgical Assessment

**BCSE**: Basic Clinical Sciences Examination

**CPE**: Clinical Proficiency Examination

**C of Q**: Certificate of Qualification

**Preceptorship**: Offered by the NSVMA to a qualified person who is a graduate of a veterinary school and has been accepted to by the CVMA-NEB to write the PSA and CPE after passing the NAVLE and BSCE; offered by the NSVMA to a student who is enrolled in their final year at an approved veterinary school.

**Preceptor**: a member of the NSVMA who holds a general practice license and who is approved by Council to supervise the qualified person.

**AMR course**: Anti-microbial Resistance course

**RVT**: Registered Veterinary Technician/Technologist

**VTNE**: Veterinary Technician National Examination

**EVTA**: Eastern Veterinary Technicians Association