

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 5. Pharmacists

§520. Temporary Permission to Practice

A. Temporary permission to practice

1. A temporary permission to practice (hereinafter, “TPP”) is a privilege granted by the board to eligible persons. The holder of such a privilege is authorized to perform the professional functions reserved for a pharmacist for a limited period of time subject to the restrictions identified in Subsection F of this Section.
2. A TPP is not a license, certificate, permit or registration. It may be issued and canceled at the board’s discretion. It is a virtual privilege meaning no paper form exists, but it shall be verifiable at the board’s website.

B. Eligibility criteria for TPP privilege

1. A person seeking a TPP privilege shall have already submitted an application for pharmacist licensure in Louisiana, and further, that application shall be unexpired.
2. The applicant shall have completed all requirements for licensure with the exception of successful completion of the second of two required licensure examinations.
3. The applicant shall have applied to the test administrator for the second licensure examination, shall have received an authorization to test from the test administrator, and shall have received a confirmation of a future testing date from the test vendor.
4. The failure of any licensure examination shall render the applicant ineligible to receive or hold a TPP privilege.

C. Procedure to request a TPP privilege

1. A person seeking a TPP privilege shall submit a written request electronically (fax or email) to the board office.
2. The written request shall be accompanied by a copy of the authorization to test issued by the test administrator as well as a copy of the confirmation of a future testing date issued by the test vendor.
3. The applicant shall indicate their consent to the relinquishment of their pharmacy intern registration as well as any other active credential issued by the board as a condition to the issuance of a TPP privilege.

D. Issuance of TPP privilege

1. On receipt of an electronically submitted written request for a TPP privilege, staff shall review the applicant’s record to confirm the following:
 - a. The application for pharmacist licensure in Louisiana has not expired;
 - b. All required supporting documentation has been received;
 - c. The applicant has completed the educational requirement for licensure as evidenced by a certificate of graduation from a board-approved college of pharmacy.
 - d. The applicant has completed the experiential requirement for licensure as evidenced by documentation of at least 1,740 hours of practical experience.
 - e. The applicant has received a passing score for one of the two required licensure examinations.
 - f. The applicant has not failed any licensure examination.
 - g. The criminal history record report has been reviewed and no inquiry is pending.
 - h. All fees have been paid.
2. Following verification of eligibility requirements, staff shall first change the status of the applicant’s pharmacy intern registration to reflect its relinquishment and then issue a TPP privilege set to expire 14 business days after the scheduled examination date.

- 53 3. Staff shall inform the applicant of the TPP privilege and how the TPP privilege can be verified at
54 the board’s website.
- 55 E. Cancellation of TPP privilege
- 56 1. A TPP privilege shall not be renewable.
- 57 2. In the event the holder of a TPP privilege fails a licensure examination, board staff shall cancel the
58 TPP privilege and notify the holder of such action. Upon such cancellation, board staff shall
59 reinstate the previously relinquished pharmacy intern registration with its original expiration date.
- 60 3. In the event a TPP privilege expires before the applicant has completed the requirements for
61 pharmacist licensure, board staff shall reinstate the previously relinquished pharmacy intern
62 registration with its original expiration date.
- 63 4. When the holder of a TPP privilege receives a passing score on the second licensure examination
64 and has completed all requirements for licensure, board staff shall cancel the TPP privilege upon
65 the issuance of the pharmacist license.
- 66 F. Restrictions
- 67 1. Time practiced under the authority of a TPP privilege shall not be valid for licensure purposes.
- 68 2. A TPP privilege shall not be eligible for license transfer to any other jurisdiction.
- 69 3. A TPP privilege shall not qualify the holder for an NABP Passport.
- 70 4. A person holding a TPP privilege may perform the professional functions reserved for a
71 pharmacist subject to the following limitations:
- 72 a. The holder of a TPP privilege is not eligible to accept an appointment as the pharmacist-in-
73 charge of any pharmacy licensed by the board.
- 74 b. The holder of a TPP privilege shall not practice in the absence of a Louisiana-licensed
75 pharmacist.

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