

Louisiana Administrative Code
Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards
Part LIII: Pharmacists

§2307. Pharmacist-in-Charge

- A. The opportunity to accept an appointment as the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of a pharmacy is a professional privilege. The following requirements are attached to a PIC privilege:
 - 1. The acquisition of the PIC privilege shall require:
 - a. Possession of an active Louisiana pharmacist license;
 - b. Possession of an active license in the state in which the pharmacy is located, and further, said license shall not have any restrictions which prohibit the position of pharmacist-in-charge;
 - c. Active practice as a pharmacist for a minimum of two years under the jurisdiction of any board of pharmacy in the United States; and
 - d. The completion of the *Affidavit of Responsibility and Duties* described below.
 - 2. The PIC shall be present and practicing at the pharmacy for which he holds the PIC position no less than 20 hours per week during the pharmacy's ordinary course of business. In the event the pharmacy's normal hours of business are less than 20 hours per week, the PIC shall be present and practicing at least 50% of the normal business hours.
- B. An initial and renewal pharmacy permit application shall designate and identify the licensed pharmacist-in-charge.
- C. Authority and Accountability. The designated pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy and the pharmacy owner(s), or partners, or corporate officer(s) of the permit holder, where applicable, shall be responsible for the complete supervision, management, and compliance with all federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy of the entire prescription department. This responsibility necessarily includes accountability for any violation involving federal or state laws or regulations occurring within the prescription department supervised by a pharmacist-in-charge.
- D. Policy and Procedure Manual. The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of policies regarding quality pharmacy services including drug control, distribution, patient compliance accountability, inspection, and record keeping.
- E. Circumvention. It is a violation of the pharmacy permit for any person to subvert the authority of the pharmacist-in-charge by impeding the management of the prescription department in the compliance of federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations.
- F. Records. The pharmacist-in-charge is responsible for the proper maintenance of all prescription records. This necessarily includes electronic prescription records and the system's compliance and capacity to produce the required records.
- G. Recall. The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the implementation of a recall procedure that can be readily activated to assure patient safety.
- H. Discontinued or Outdated Drugs. The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and procedures to ensure that discontinued drugs, outdated drugs, or drug containers with worn, illegible, or missing labels are withdrawn from the pharmacy inventory.
- I. Change of Pharmacist-in-Charge. Written notice to the board shall be required when the pharmacist-in-charge designation for a pharmacy has changed.
 - 1. The permit holder shall notify the board within ten days of the prior pharmacist-in-charge's departure date. The permit holder shall designate a new pharmacist-in-charge within ten days of the departure of the prior pharmacist-in-charge.
 - 2. The new pharmacist-in-charge shall afford the board written notice of his newly designated pharmacist-in-charge status within ten days of the departure of the prior pharmacist-in-charge.
 - 3. A pharmacist-in-charge who voluntarily leaves a pharmacy shall give written notice to the board and the owner of the permit at least ten days prior to this voluntary departure, unless replaced in a shorter period of time.
- J. Affidavit of Responsibility and Duties. The designated pharmacist-in-charge shall sign an affidavit on a form supplied by the board indicating his understanding and acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacist-in-charge. This notarized document shall be submitted to the board for inclusion in the pharmacy's record in the board office.

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