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RULE

Department of Health Board of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Technicians (LAC 46:LIII.901, 903, 905)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy amended §§901, 903, and 905 of its rules relative to pharmacy technicians. The Rule changes in §901 removes the definition of Training Program and instead defines Pharmacy Technician Educator. The Rule changes in §903 expand the eligibility criteria for obtaining a pharmacy technician candidate registration, modifies the language under exceptions to provide clarity, describe actions to be taken in the event the pharmacy technician candidate is no longer training, and describe requirements of the training to be provided by the pharmacy technician educator. The Rule changes in §905 correct a typographical error and clarify that the notification of a change of employment must include the pharmacy name. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day or promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

§901. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section.

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Pharmacy Technician Educator—a pharmacy technician training program that is currently nationally-accredited and board-approved, a program by the Louisiana Department of

Education offering Pharmacy Technician as a career path, or a Louisiana licensed pharmacist, not on probation with the board, providing technician training in a pharmacy that is not on probation with the board.

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§903. Pharmacy Technician Candidates

A. Registration

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2. Qualifications

a. The applicant shall be of good moral character and non-impaired.

b. One of the three following eligibility criteria shall be satisfied by the applicant:

i. Verification of enrollment in a nationally-accredited and board-approved pharmacy technician training program and at least 18 years of age, as evidenced by a valid and legible copy of a birth certificate or other appropriate credential.

ii. Verification of enrollment in a Louisiana Department of Education program with a pharmacy technician career path and at least 16 years of age, as evidenced by a valid and legible copy of a birth certificate or other appropriate credential. Applicants under 18 years of age shall provide evidence of an Employment Certificate as required by the Louisiana Department of Labor.

iii. Verification from a Louisiana licensed pharmacist, who is not on probation with the board, indicating their intention to provide technician training in a pharmacy that is not on probation with the board. The applicant shall be at least 18 years of age, as evidenced by a valid and legible copy of a birth certificate or other appropriate credential.

c. Exceptions

i. A pharmacist or pharmacy intern whose board credential has been denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted for disciplinary reasons by any board of pharmacy shall not be a pharmacy technician candidate or pharmacy technician.

ii. A Louisiana pharmacist or pharmacy intern whose board credential is active shall not be a pharmacy technician candidate or pharmacy technician until such credential is relinquished.

3. Issuance and Maintenance

a. - c. ...

d. Termination of Training

i. In the event the candidate is no longer training with the Pharmacy Technician Educator, for any reason other than completion of the training, the candidate no longer meets the eligibility criteria to possess the registration, and the candidate shall relinquish the registration to the board within 10 days, giving notice of their last day of training.

ii. In the event a candidate fails to relinquish their registration when required to do so, the board staff shall inactivate the registration.

iii. In the event the candidate should resume training with a pharmacy technician educator, and verification of that training is provided to the board, the

board may re-issue the registration with the original expiration date preserved.

iv. In its discretion, the board may grant an exception to the original expiration date or reinstate the registration upon request by the candidate demonstrating unusual circumstances.

e. ...

f. A pharmacy technician candidate shall notify the board, in writing, no later than 10 days following a change in location(s) of employment. The written notice shall include the candidate's name, registration number, and pharmacy name, address, and permit numbers for old and new employers.

B. Pharmacy Technician Educators

1. Pharmacy technician educators shall provide academic preparation including technical skills and knowledge, sufficient to prepare the candidate to adequately perform the duties of a pharmacy technician. Academic preparation shall meet the minimum requirements of a board-approved pharmacy technician certification examination provider.

2. All nationally-accredited training programs approved by the board shall maintain their national accreditation.

3. Pharmacy technician educators shall notify the board within 10 days when a pharmacy technician candidate is no longer enrolled in the program or actively progressing in training with the Louisiana licensed pharmacist.

4. Pharmacy technician educators shall provide verification that the pharmacy technician candidate has successfully completed the training.

C. Practical Experience

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4. The candidate's registration shall evidence his authority to earn practical experience in a pharmacy, under the supervision of a pharmacist, in satisfaction of the requirements for pharmacy technician certification.

a. In the event the registration was issued to an applicant enrolled in a nationally-accredited and board-approved training program, the candidate shall earn the amount of experience prescribed by the curriculum of that program.

b. In the event the registration was issued to an applicant by any other method, the candidate shall earn at least 600 hours of practical experience in a pharmacy in Louisiana. A candidate may receive board credit for a maximum of 50 hours per week, unless further limited by an Employment Certificate as required by the Louisiana Department of Labor.

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D. Examination

1. A board-approved pharmacy technician certification examination shall consist of integrated pharmacy subject matter and any other disciplines the board may deem appropriate in order to permit the candidate to demonstrate his competency. The candidate shall achieve a passing score, as determined by the board.

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§905. Pharmacy Technician Certificate

A. - B.2. ...

3. The annual renewal shall expire and become null and void on June 30 of each year.

a. The board shall make available, no later than May 1 of each year, an application for renewal to all pharmacy technicians to the address of record.

3.b. - 4. ...

5. A pharmacy technician shall notify the board, in writing, no later than 10 days following a change in location(s) of employment. The written notice shall include the technician's name, certificate number, and pharmacy name, address, and permit numbers for old and new employers.

6. ...

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