

## Title 16. Board of Pharmacy

### Proposed Regulation Text

Changes to the adopted emergency regulation text are as follows: underline for added text and ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted text.

Amend §1793.5 of Article 11 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

#### § 1793.5. Pharmacy Technician Application.

The “Pharmacy Technician Application” (Form 17A-5 (Rev. ~~1/2021~~2/2021)), incorporated by reference herein, required by this section is available from the Board of Pharmacy upon request.

(a) Each application for a pharmacy technician license shall include:

- (1) Information sufficient to identify the applicant.
- (2) A description of the applicant's qualifications and supporting documentation for those qualifications.
- (3) A criminal background check that will require submission of fingerprints in a manner specified by the board and the fee authorized in Penal Code section 11105(e).
- (4) A sealed, original Self-Query from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) dated no earlier than 60 days of the date an application is submitted to the board.

(b) The applicant shall sign the application under penalty of perjury and shall submit it to the Board of Pharmacy.

(c) The board shall notify the applicant within 30 days if an application is deficient; and what is needed to correct the deficiency. Once the application is complete, and upon completion of any investigation conducted pursuant to section 4207 of the Business and Professions Code, the board will notify the applicant within 60 days of a license decision.

(d) Before expiration of a pharmacy technician license, a pharmacy technician must renew that license by payment of the fee specified in subdivision (r) of section 4400 of the Business and Professions Code.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~163.5, 114.5, 115.4, 115.5, 4005, 4007, 4038, 4115, and 4202, 4207 and 4400~~, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 144, 144.5, 163.5, 4005, 4007, 4038, 4115, 4202, 4207, 4400 and 4402 and 4400, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11105, Penal Code.

**Amend §1793.6 of Article 11 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:**

**§ 1793.6. Training Courses Specified by the Board.**

A course of training that meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(2) is:

- (a) Any pharmacy technician training program accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists,
- (b) Any pharmacy technician training program provided by a branch of the federal armed services for which the applicant possesses a certificate of completion, or
- (c)(1) Any other course that provides a training period of at least 240 hours of instruction covering at least the following:
  - ~~(4A)~~ Knowledge and understanding of different pharmacy practice settings.
  - ~~(2B)~~ Knowledge and understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacy technician in relationship to other pharmacy personnel and knowledge of standards and ethics, laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy.
  - ~~(3C)~~ Knowledge and ability to identify and employ pharmaceutical and medical terms, abbreviations and symbols commonly used in prescribing, dispensing and record keeping of medications.
  - ~~(4D)~~ Knowledge of and the ability to carry out calculations required for common dosage determination, employing both the metric and apothecary systems.
  - ~~(5E)~~ Knowledge and understanding of the identification of drugs, drug dosages, routes of administration, dosage forms and storage requirements.
  - ~~(6F)~~ Knowledge of and ability to perform the manipulative and record-keeping functions involved in and related to dispensing prescriptions.
  - ~~(7G)~~ Knowledge of and ability to perform procedures and techniques relating to manufacturing, packaging, and labeling of drug products.

(2) In addition to the content of coursework specified in subdivision (c)(1), the course of training must also satisfy all of the following:

- (A) Prior to enrollment in any classes or admission into the course of training, an administrator or instructor shall conduct a criminal background check on the applicant that is consistent with the criminal background check required for a pharmacy technician license per Business and Professions Code section 4202(c). If the criminal background check reveals the applicant has committed acts that would constitute grounds for denial of licensure, the administrator or instructor shall counsel applicants about the negative impact to securing licensure.

(B) Prior to enrollment in any classes or admission into the course of training, an administrator or instructor shall inform applicants that the course of training includes practical training at a pharmacy which may require the applicant to undergo drug screening for illicit drug use. The administrator or instructor shall counsel applicants about the negative impact of a positive drug screen, including eligibility to continue the course of training and eligibility for licensure.

(C) Require students to be at least 18 years of age prior to enrolling in any course work involving practical training, such as an externship or any other training equivalent to pharmacy technician trainee placement as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4038, 4115, 4115, and 4115.5.

(D) Require a final examination that demonstrates students' understanding and ability to perform or apply each subject area identified in subdivision (1) above.

Authority cited: Sections 4005, ~~4007, 4038, 4115,~~ and 4202, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4005, 4007, 4038, 4115, 4115.5, and 4202, Business and Professions Code.

**Add §1793.65 to Article 11 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:**

**§ 1793.65 Pharmacy Technician Certification Programs Approved by the Board.**

(a) Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4), the board approves the pharmacy technician certification program offered by:

- (1) The Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, and
- (2) The National Healthcareer Association.

(b) Approval of these programs is valid through December 31, 2024.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4202, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4038 and 4202, Business and Professions Code.