

LCB File No. R011-01

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as LCB File Nos. T009-00 and T030-00)

PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIANS

NAC 639.220 Schedule of fees; penalties; applicability. (NRS 639.070, 639.170)

1. The board hereby adopts the following schedule of fees:

	Actual cost of the examination
For the examination of an applicant for registration as a pharmacist	
For the investigation or registration of an applicant as a registered pharmacist.....	\$150
For the investigation or examination of an applicant as a registered pharmacist by reciprocity	150
For the investigation or issuance of a license to conduct a retail pharmacy	425
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a retail pharmacy	425
For the investigation or issuance of a license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	{350} 425
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct an institutional pharmacy	{350} 425
For the investigation or issuance of a license to conduct a pharmacy in a correctional institution.....	{350} 425
For the biennial renewal of a license to conduct a pharmacy in a correctional institution.....	{350} 425
For the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist.....	25
For the biennial renewal of registration as a registered pharmacist.....	150
For the reinstatement of a lapsed registration (in addition to the fees for renewal for the period of lapse)	50
For the investigation or registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training	40
For the biennial renewal of registration of a pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training	40
For the investigation or registration of an intern pharmacist	15
For the biennial renewal of registration as an intern pharmacist	15
For investigation or issuance of a license to a manufacturer or wholesaler.....	425
For the biennial renewal of a license for a manufacturer or wholesaler.....	425
For the reissuance of a license issued to a pharmacy, when no change of ownership is involved, but the license must be reissued because of a change in the information required thereon.....	25
For the biennial renewal of registration issued to a registered pharmacist placed on inactive status	25
For authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both.....	300

For the biennial renewal of authorization of a practitioner to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both.....	300
Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, for the collective certification of advanced practitioners of nursing in the employ of a public or nonprofit agency to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs, or both	\$300

2. The penalty for failure to pay the renewal fee for any license, permit or certificate within the statutory period, as provided in subsection 4 of NRS 639.170, is 50 percent of the renewal fee for each period of delinquency in addition to the renewal fee for each period of delinquency.

3. Any person who has been registered as a pharmacist in this state for at least 50 years is not required to pay the fee for the biennial renewal of a certificate of registration as a registered pharmacist.

4. The provisions of this section concerning the fee for the biennial renewal of the authorization to dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs do not apply to an advanced practitioner of nursing who is required to pay a fee pursuant to NAC 639.870 or a physician's assistant who is required to pay a fee pursuant to NAC 639.275.

5. A health center:

(a) Which is a federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(1)(2)(B), as that section existed on March 1, 2000, that provides health care primarily to medically underserved persons in a community; and

(b) Which is not a medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151, is not required to pay the fee for the collective certification of advanced practitioners of nursing in the employ of a public or nonprofit agency as set forth in subsection 1.

NAC 639.240 Requirements for registration of pharmaceutical technicians.

1. No person may perform the duties of a pharmaceutical technician until he has been issued a certificate of registration ~~signed by the secretary of the board~~.

2. An applicant for registration as a pharmaceutical technician must:

(a) Be 18 years of age or older;

(b) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent;

(c) Not have been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or the unlawful possession, sale or use of drugs;

(d) Have no history of drug abuse; and

(e) Have complied with one of the following requirements:

(1) The successful completion of at least 1 year of education at a postsecondary school in the United States or a substantially equivalent school outside the United States that is approved by the board. The program of education must include instruction in:

(I) Algebra; and

(II) Biology or chemistry.

(2) The successful completion of a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians that is approved by the board, including, but not limited to, a program of training offered by a postsecondary school that is located outside this state, if the program is approved by the board or agency which governs the practice of pharmacy in the state where the program is offered.

(3) The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of experience as a registered hospital pharmaceutical technician.

(4) Registration in another state as a pharmaceutical technician if the requirements for registration in that state are equivalent to the requirements of this state.

(5) If the state in which the applicant has been employed does not offer registration, licensure or certification as a pharmaceutical technician:

(I) The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of experience in a pharmacy in that state performing the duties set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 639.1371 during the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which his application was submitted;

(II) The successful completion of at least 350 hours of employment in a pharmacy in this state; and

(III) The acquisition of a written statement to the board from the managing pharmacist of the pharmacy referred to in sub-subparagraph (II) stating that the applicant, during his employment, demonstrated competence to perform the tasks assigned to him.

Such an applicant may register as a pharmaceutical technician in training before he completes the requirements of sub-subparagraph (II) of this subparagraph.

(6) The successful completion of at least 1,500 hours of training and experience as a pharmaceutical technician in training. A pharmaceutical technician in training may accumulate certified hours of training from each place of employment.

3. An applicant who attended a school outside the United States must submit to an organization which evaluates educational credentials a copy of the transcript of his academic record from that school for a determination of whether the grades the applicant received are substantially equivalent to the grades required for an applicant who attended a school in the United States. The applicant shall ensure that a copy of the organization's evaluation of the transcript is submitted to the board.

4. To comply with the provisions of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (e) of subsection 2, an applicant must receive in algebra and biology or chemistry:

(a) If he attended a school in the United States, a grade of C or better; or

(b) If he attended a school outside the United States, a grade which is equivalent to a grade of C or better from a school in the United States, as determined by the organization described in subsection 3.

5. Upon receipt of an application and the required fee, the secretary of the board shall, unless he has good cause to deny the registration, issue a certificate of registration to the pharmaceutical technician.