

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 639.070.

A REGULATION relating to pharmacy; revising the requirements for registration as a dispensing technician; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 639.7425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.7425 1. No person may act as a dispensing technician unless the person is ~~⋮~~

~~—(a) A registered pharmaceutical technician; or~~

~~—(b) Employed~~ *employed* at a facility to which a certificate of registration has been issued

pursuant to NAC 639.742 and the dispensing practitioner at that facility has registered the person as a dispensing technician.

2. A dispensing practitioner may apply to the Board to register a person as a dispensing technician by submitting to the Board the fee required by NAC 639.744 and proof satisfactory to the Board that the person:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older;

(b) Has received a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(c) Has not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or the unlawful possession, sale or use of drugs; *and*

(d) Does not have a history of drug abuse . ~~⋮~~ *and*

~~—(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, has successfully completed 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 have included instruction in algebra and either biology or chemistry.~~

~~—3.— For the purpose of paragraph (e) of subsection 2:~~

~~—(a) If the person for whom application for registration as a dispensing technician has been made attended a school outside the United States, a copy of his transcripts from that school must be submitted to an organization satisfactory to the Board which evaluates educational credentials for a written determination of whether the grades received by the person are substantially equivalent to the grades required for a person who attended a similar school in the United States. A copy of the written determination of the organization must be included with the application for registration of the person as a dispensing technician.~~

~~—(b) The person for whom application for registration as a dispensing technician has been made will be determined to have successfully completed instruction in algebra and either biology or chemistry if he received:~~

~~——(1) If he attended a school in the United States, a grade of C or better; and~~

~~——(2) If he attended a school outside the United States, a grade of C or better as determined by an organization described in paragraph (a).~~

~~—4.] 3.~~ Upon determining that a person for whom application for registration as a dispensing technician has been made by a dispensing practitioner satisfies the requirements of ~~[subsections 2 and 3,]~~ *subsection 2*, the Board will issue to the person a ~~[certificate of]~~ *provisional* registration as a dispensing technician for that practitioner.

~~{5. — If the person for whom application for registration as a dispensing technician has been made satisfies all requirements for registration except the educational requirement set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, and the dispensing practitioner who made the application certifies to the Board in writing that, in lieu of the educational requirement, the dispensing practitioner will provide the person with training and experience, the Board will issue to the person a provisional registration as a dispensing technician. In lieu of the educational requirement set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, the person}~~

4. A person acting as a dispensing technician pursuant to a provisional registration must complete at least 500 hours of training and experience provided by the dispensing practitioner relating to the skills that the person will be performing as a dispensing technician for that dispensing practitioner. Only that training and experience received by the person after the provisional registration is issued may be applied to satisfy the 500-hour requirement. In providing the training and experience, the dispensing practitioner shall supervise the training and experience of the person by observing the work of the person on a random basis at least three times each day during which the person is receiving training and experience. ~~{Upon the completion of}~~

5. A provisional registration issued to a person acting as a dispensing technician expires 12 months after it is issued or upon the expiration of the certificate of registration of the dispensing practitioner to whom the dispensing technician is registered, whichever is earlier.

If a person acting as a dispensing technician pursuant to a provisional registration:

(a) Fails to complete the required 500 hours of training and experience before the expiration of the provisional registration, he shall not act as a dispensing technician unless he is issued a new provisional registration pursuant to this section. Any hours of training and

experience completed by the person while acting as a dispensing technician pursuant to a provisional registration that has expired may not be used to satisfy the 500-hour requirement for a new provisional registration.

(b) *Completes* the required 500 hours of training and experience ~~§~~ *before the expiration of the provisional registration*, the dispensing practitioner shall file with the Board a signed affidavit certifying:

~~§(a)~~ (1) The number of hours of training and experience successfully completed by the person . ~~§~~

~~§(b)~~ (2) The specific training and experience received by the person . ~~§; and~~

~~§(c)~~ (3) That the person is, in the opinion of the dispensing practitioner, competent to perform the duties of a dispensing technician.

6. The Board, upon receiving the affidavit of the dispensing practitioner pursuant to subsection 5, will issue to the person a certificate of registration as a dispensing technician for that practitioner.

Sec. 2. NAC 639.743 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.743 1. A person to whom a dispensing practitioner is providing training and experience pursuant to subsection ~~§~~ 4 of NAC 639.7425 must not be allowed access to the room or cabinet in which drugs are stored unless accompanied by the dispensing practitioner. After the person has completed his training and experience and the Board has received an affidavit from the practitioner pursuant to subsection 5 of NAC 639.7425:

(a) The person may access the room or cabinet in which drugs are stored without being accompanied by the dispensing practitioner, so long as the practitioner is on-site at the facility; and

(b) The dispensing practitioner is not required to observe the work of the person.

2. A practitioner who allows a dispensing technician to perform any function described in subsection 4 of NAC 639.742 is responsible for the performance of that function by the dispensing technician. All such functions performed by a dispensing technician must be performed at the express direction and delegation of the dispensing practitioner. Each prescription with respect to which a dispensing technician performed such a function:

(a) Must be checked by the dispensing practitioner, and the dispensing practitioner shall indicate on the label of the prescription and in his record regarding the prescription that the dispensing practitioner has checked the work performed by the dispensing technician; and

(b) Must not be dispensed to the patient without the initials of the dispensing practitioner thereon. A prescription which has been so initialed must be handed to the patient only by the dispensing practitioner or an employee authorized by the dispensing practitioner.

Sec. 3. NAC 639.7435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.7435 1. The registration of a dispensing technician is nontransferable and limited to the dispensing practitioner to whom the dispensing technician is registered. The registration of a dispensing technician expires at the same time that the certificate of registration of the dispensing practitioner expires. If a dispensing practitioner and the dispensing technician registered to that practitioner leave the facility at which they are registered, and the dispensing technician continues his employment with that practitioner at a different site, the dispensing practitioner shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Board of the change of address of employment of the dispensing technician.

2. If a dispensing technician no longer works as a dispensing technician for the dispensing practitioner to whom the dispensing technician is registered, the registration of the dispensing

technician terminates. If that person is subsequently employed by another dispensing practitioner to work as a dispensing technician, the employing dispensing practitioner must, before the person may act as a dispensing technician for that practitioner:

(a) Register the person with the Board, showing the site of employment and the name of the dispensing practitioner; and

(b) Ensure that the person receives an additional 200 hours of training and experience provided by the dispensing practitioner. The additional training and experience must be provided in accordance with subsection ~~5~~ 4 of NAC 639.7425. The dispensing practitioner shall not allow the person to be registered as a dispensing technician to enter the room or cabinet in which drugs are stored or perform any function described in subsection 4 of NAC 639.742 without the dispensing practitioner observing the act by the person to be registered as a dispensing technician until that person has completed the 200 additional hours of training and experience.