

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**LCB File No. R175-12**

Effective December 20, 2012

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 639.070 and 639.1371.

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

**Section 1.** NAC 639.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.240 1. No person may perform the duties of a pharmaceutical technician until the person has been issued a certificate of registration.

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 a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians, including, but not limited to, a program of training offered by a postsecondary school, that is approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 639.256.

(2) Registration in another state as a pharmaceutical technician , if the requirements for registration in that state are equivalent to the requirements of this State ~~§~~, *and the successful completion of at least 240 hours of employment as a pharmaceutical technician in a pharmacy in that state, which must be verified by the managing pharmacist of the pharmacy.*

(3) 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 or her 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 or her employment, demonstrated competence to perform the tasks assigned to him or her.

↪ Such an applicant must register as a pharmaceutical technician in training before he or she completes the requirements of sub-subparagraph (II).

(4) 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.

(5) The successful completion of a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians conducted by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States ~~§~~, *the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.*

(6) Certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the ~~Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians~~ *National Healthcareer Association* as a pharmacy technician if:

(I) The applicant successfully completes a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians conducted by a postsecondary school in another state; ~~and~~

(II) The program is accredited or otherwise approved by the appropriate regulatory authority in that state ~~;~~ *and*

*(III) The applicant successfully completes at least 240 hours of employment as a pharmaceutical technician in training in a pharmacy in another state, which must be verified by the managing pharmacist of the pharmacy.*

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 or her 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, or a program of training for pharmaceutical technicians that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, in the United States. The applicant must ensure that a copy of the organization's evaluation of the transcript is submitted to the Board.

4. Upon receipt of an application and the required fee, the Executive Secretary shall, unless he or she has good cause to deny the registration, issue a certificate of registration to the pharmaceutical technician.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 639.254 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.254 1. The owner and managing pharmacist of a pharmacy shall provide training for pharmaceutical technicians working in or for the pharmacy that ensures the continuing

competency of those technicians. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the training must consist of initial training upon employment and at least 12 hours of in-service training during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal of the registration of the pharmaceutical technician. One of the 12 hours of in-service training must be a jurisprudence program approved or presented by the Board that relates to the practice of pharmacy or the law concerning pharmacy in this State.

2. The managing pharmacist shall maintain a written record of the initial training and the annual training completed by each pharmaceutical technician working in or for the pharmacy that contains:

- (a) The name and signature of the person receiving the training;
- (b) The date or dates on which the training was received;
- (c) The number of hours of training received;
- (d) A general description of the topics covered; and
- (e) The name of the person or provider conducting the training.

3. A pharmaceutical technician may substitute the completion of the continuing education necessary for recertification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the ~~Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians~~ *National Healthcareer Association* for the biennial in-service training required by subsection 1.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

The informational statement required by NRS 233B.066 numerically conforms to the subsections of the statute as follows:

1. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED, A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

Public comment was solicited through public notices posted in county courthouses and through mailings to interested parties.

There was no public response expressed relative to this proposed regulation.

2. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO: (A) ATTENDED EACH HEARING; (B) TESTIFIED AT EACH HEARING; AND (C) SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The number of persons who attended the hearing was 18.

The number of persons who testified at the hearing was -0-.

The number of agency submitted statements was -0-.

There was no public response expressed relative to this proposed regulation.

3. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses through posting of public notices in the county courthouses, by direct mailings to all interested persons who have requested notices of board of pharmacy meeting agendas and by direct mailings to professional and trade associations.

There was no response from affected businesses relative to this proposed regulation.

4. IF THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE REGULATION WITHOUT CHANGE.

The proposed regulation was adopted without change as no testimony was offered.

5. THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH IT IS TO REGULATE AND ON THE PUBLIC. THESE MUST BE STATED SEPARATELY, AND IN EACH CASE MUST INCLUDE:

- A) BOTH ADVERSE AND BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

This regulation should have no economic impact on affected businesses or on the public.

- B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

This regulation will have no immediate or long-term economic effects on business or the public.

6. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE AGENCY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

There will be no additional or special costs incurred by the board for enforcement of this regulation.

7. A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH THE PROPOSED REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES AND A STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING IS NECESSARY. IF THE REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES A FEDERAL REGULATION, THE NAME OF THE REGULATING FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates.

8. IF THE REGULATION INCLUDES PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY, A SUMMARY OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of the same activity in which the federal regulation is more stringent.

9. IF THE REGULATION PROVIDES A NEW FEE OR INCREASES AN EXISTING FEE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT THE AGENCY EXPECTS TO COLLECT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE USED.

This regulation does not provide a new or increase of fees.