

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

LCB File No. R087-13

Effective March 28, 2014

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 639.070 and 639.0727.

A REGULATION relating to pharmacy; requiring dispensing technicians to complete certain requirements for in-service training; 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 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.

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 subsection 2, the Board will issue to the person a provisional registration as a dispensing technician for that practitioner.

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.

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, the person shall not act as a dispensing technician unless he or she 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:

- (1) The number of hours of training and experience successfully completed by the person.
- (2) The specific training and experience received by the person.
- (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.

7. A dispensing technician shall complete at least 1 hour of in-service training during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal of the registration of the dispensing technician. The 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. The dispensing technician shall retain a copy of the certificate from the Board or approved program certifying the completion of such in-service training. The copy must be:

- (a) Retained for at least 2 years; and*
- (b) Readily accessible to a member of the Board or a person conducting an inspection or investigation on behalf of the Board.*

R087-13

NAC 639.7425

Dispensing Technician: Requirements; application and fee for registration; provisional registration; issuance of certificate of registration.

February 14, 2014

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

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

1. EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THE ADOPTED REGULATION

This proposed amendment will add a mandatory law CE requirement for dispensing technicians, which is already a requirement for pharmaceutical technicians.

2. 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.

The Board solicited comment on the proposed amendment by (1) posting a summary of the proposed amendment on the Board's website (bop.nv.gov) with a link to the full text of the proposed amendment, (2) soliciting comment from Nevada dispensers who receive Board of Pharmacy notifications using a facsimile notice directed to each, and (3) contacting a representative of each relevant industry association Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board also provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment, and opened the floor for public comment at the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

The Board received no public comment on R087-13.

Parties interested in obtaining a copy of the summary of the proposed amendment, or that wish to view the text of the proposed amendment, may access that information on the Board's website at bop.nv.gov, or by contacting the Board's office at (775) 850-1440.

3. 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 20.

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

The number of agency submitted statements was -0-.

The name of persons who testified at the hearing:

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

4. 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, by direct mailings to professional and trade associations, posting a summary of the proposed amendment on the Board's website (bop.nv.gov), with a link to the full text of the proposed amendment, and soliciting comment from Nevada pharmacies who receive Board of Pharmacy "Hotline" notifications using a facsimile notice directed to each.

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

Parties interested in obtaining a copy of the summary of the proposed amendment, or that wish to view the text of the proposed amendment, may access that information on the Board's website at bop.nv.gov, or by contacting the Board's office at (775) 850-1440.

5. 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 because the Board members found it appropriate to require dispensing technicians to complete a law CE as a requirement for maintaining licensure, just as pharmaceutical technicians are required to do, and because the Board received no comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed regulation.

6. 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.

The Board anticipates no adverse or beneficial economic effect on small businesses from R087-13. It may have a small impact on the dispensing technicians who work for Nevada licensed dispensing practitioners because it will require them to obtain additional in-service training, however, such training is commonly offered without charge.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

The Board anticipates that this regulation will have no immediate or long-term economic effects on business or the public.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. 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.