



E-News Update

Pharmacy Technician Registration - March 2018 (Clarification)

Technician Registration Verification Database Now Available

The Board recently created a searchable database to allow technicians and employers to verify a technician's registration status. The database can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechSearch. Verification using this database should be honored by employers.

For pending applicants, the database will indicate if the applicant may continue to practice as a technician in accordance with a recent [Board resolution](#).

To see an example of the search results, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechUpdate

Technician Training Program Guidance Now Available

The Board recently released a guidance document on pharmacy technician training programs. This document can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechTraining.

Technician Trainee Registration Requirements

Please be advised that, effective April 6, 2018, any individual who is training to become a certified or registered technician and is actively practicing as a technician within a pharmacy must be registered as a pharmacy technician trainee. To qualify for a trainee registration, an applicant, by law, must meet all the following requirements:

- Be at least eighteen years of age;
 - Possess a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence or have been employed continuously since prior to April 8, 2009, as a pharmacy technician without a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence; and
 - Be of [good moral character](#), as defined in rules adopted by the Board.
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CLARIFICATION: When is a Technician Registration Required?

An individual is required to be registered as a pharmacy technician if they are engaged in the [activities of a pharmacy technician](#) and practice in any of the following settings:

1. A pharmacy (including a clinic pharmacy) located in Ohio; or
2. An outsourcing facility located in Ohio.

NOTE: This does not include clinics (ex. oncology clinics) where a prescriber is the responsible person on the license.

REMINDER: Pharmacy Technician Registration Update

While the deadline for technician registration is April 6, 2018, the Board understands that, due to the high volume of applications, not all technicians may be issued a valid registration by this date. To address this issue, the Board has adopted the following resolution:

Resolution: Technician Registration Deadline Adopted 3/5/2018

All technicians who submit application materials for registration by 11:59 pm on April 6, 2018 will be issued a notification by the Board indicating the person may practice as the technician classification (trainee, registered or certified) for which the application was submitted. The notification will be valid until a date to be determined by the Board at the April 2018 meeting.

For more information on this resolution, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechUpdate.

REMINDER: Update on Technician Applications

On April 10, 2018, the technician application will be taken offline to prepare for the transition to the state's new eLicense system. Applications submitted prior to April 10, 2018 will transfer to the new system and additional instructions will be provided during the transition period. Individuals seeking registration as a pharmacy technician will not be able to submit applications for registration until the new system goes live on April 23, 2018.

For more information on technician applications, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechUpdate.
