Registration of Technician Trainees as Part of a Board Approved High School Training Program

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On May 14, 2021 section 4729.921 of the Ohio Revised Code was amended to permit the Board to register as a pharmacy technician trainee an applicant who is seventeen years of age and does not possess a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence if the applicant is enrolled in a career-technical school program that is approved by the Board. **A list of Board-approved high school programs can be accessed here.**

Individuals who are at least 17 years of age that are enrolled or are scheduled to enroll in a Board-approved high school technician training program may apply using Ohio's eLicense system.

To begin an application, you will need an Ohio eLicense account. For instructions on creating an account, visit: https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Documents/Licensing/Pharmacist/eLicense/Registering%20for%20an%20Account.pdf

Interim Application Process Guidance

Please be advised that eLicense is in the process of being updated to reflect this change in Ohio law. In the interim, the Board has some helpful tips to assist in your registration process:

1. When applying for a technician trainee license, there are screening questions which ask whether a candidate is 18 or older. If you are a 17-year-old that is enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a Board approved high school technician training program, select yes to continue to the application. Please be advised that these are just license screener questions and not the application itself.

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2. Applicants must submit a Technician Trainee - High School Registration Verification Form in place of the required evidence of a high school diploma. This form must be signed by the school's Program Director.

Additional Information

If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered is to e-mail the Board at technician@pharmacy.ohio.gov. **Due to the high volume of applicants, responses may take up to several business days.**