



Pharmacy Technician Update

New Pharmacy Technician Reciprocity Provision - Effective April 1, 2022

Effective April 1, 2022, OAC [4729:3-2-01](#) allows technicians registered in other states to reciprocate into Ohio. To qualify, applicants must have a pharmacy technician license or registration in another state and have actively worked as a pharmacy technician for at least one year within the previous three years prior to applying in Ohio.

For more information about this process, the Board published a guidance document that can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechRecGuide.

New Rules for Pharmacy Technicians - Effective April 1, 2022

On April 1, 2022, new rules for pharmacy technicians go into effect.

[4729:3-2-07](#) clarifies that while a licensed pharmacist or pharmacy intern may perform the activities of a certified pharmacy technician, registered pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee, they may not hold a license as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern concurrently with a pharmacy technician license unless otherwise approved by the Board.

[4729:3-2-08](#) requires a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to develop and implement a policy to ensure individuals that hold a technician trainee, registered technician, or certified pharmacy technician registration has an active registration. The rule requires the policy to include:

- 1) Documented verification of a technician trainee, registered technician, or certified pharmacy technician registration before the start of employment with a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;
 - 2) A Technician trainee, registered technician, or certified pharmacy technician employed by a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs must provide documented verification of registration at least every 24 months;
 - 3) Documented verification of pharmacy technician certification must be provided by an organization that has been recognized by the Board. The Board recognizes the following organizations:
 - [ExCPT certification](#) provided by the National Healthcareer Association.
 - [Pharmacy Technician Certification Board certification](#).
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Rules for Pharmacy Technicians Updated – Effective April 1, 2022

Effective April 1, 2022, the Board made the following updates to existing rules:

[4729:3-1-01](#): Adds/clarifies what tasks pharmacy support personnel are allowed to perform.

[4729:3-2-01](#): Adds additional documentation that is now permitted by the Board to comply with English proficiency requirements. The rule also allows reciprocity from other states to Ohio for registered and certified technicians.

[4729:3-2-02](#): Updates rule to include reciprocity (see above) and extends valid fingerprint

impressions required for criminal records check from one year to two years.

[4729:3-2-03](#): Waives registration fees for a registered pharmacy technician who applies to be a certified pharmacy technician in the same renewal application period.

[4729:3-3-02](#): Adds new pharmacy technician training programs recognized by the Board.

[4729:3-3-03](#): Permits the stocking of automated drug storage systems by registered pharmacy technicians. **NOTE:** This was already permitted under a [COVID-19 waiver](#) issued by the Board.

[4729:3-3-04](#): Clarifies that a certified technician receiving a prescription transfer can enter the prescription information directly into computerized record keeping system.

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