



Virginia Department of
Health Professions

Virginia Board of Pharmacy Technician Registration Update

VDOE Updates on Health and Medical Programs

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HB 1304 and SB 830

- Addressed pharmacy technician educational standards
- Created authority for board to register “pharmacy technician trainees” once emergency regulations are effective (approximately December 2020 or January 2021)
- Trainee registration valid while actively progressing toward completion of program.
- Trainee registration invalid and shall be returned to the Board if such person fails to remain enrolled in a pharmacy technician training program.



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- Effective July 1, 2022: Pharmacy technician applicants must:
 - complete accredited training program (could be DOE's) **or**
 - training program operated through a federal agency or branch of the military; **and**
 - pass national certification exam administered by PTCB or NHA.



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- Emergency regulations to be adopted by Board on September 9, 2020
- Will address requirements for issuing registration to persons who, prior to the effective date of such regulations:
 - (i) successfully completed or was enrolled in a Board-approved pharmacy technician training program or
 - (ii) passed a national certification examination



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- Will also address requirements for issuance of a registration to a person who
 - (i) has previously practiced as a pharmacy technician in another U.S. jurisdiction and
 - (ii) has passed a national certification examination required by the Board



HB 1304 and SB 830

- Stakeholder workgroup to convene in 2021 to develop recommendations related to the addition of duties and tasks that a pharmacy technician may perform.
- Report due to Secretary HHR and Chairmen of HWI and Senate Ed and Health by November 1, 2021.



Proposed Regulatory Change -Increase in Fees

- March 2018 – Board adopted proposed regulations to increase licensure fees
- First increase since 2002
- Note: Two fee reductions since 2002
- 2002 license count approximately 12,000; currently approximately 36,000
- Final regulations in Governor's office for approval
- Initial registration for pharmacy technicians proposed - \$35



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