

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Pharmacy

(Amended at ARRS Committee)

201 KAR 2:045. Technicians.

RELATES TO: KRS 142.301, 315.010, 315.020, 315.136, 315.191(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 315.010(21), 315.020(4)(b), 315.191(1)(a), (g), (l)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 315.191(1)(a) authorizes the board to promulgate administrative regulations governing pharmacy technicians. KRS 315.020(4)(b) authorizes the board to establish the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians. KRS 315.010(21) and 315.191(1)(l) authorize the board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing that a pharmacy technician may practice under the general, rather than immediate, supervision of a pharmacist. This administrative regulation establishes the qualifications required for a pharmacy technician to practice under the general supervision of a pharmacist and establishes the scope of practice for a pharmacy technician.

Section 1. Certified Pharmacy Technician Recognition. A person shall be recognized by the board as a certified pharmacy technician if the person has successfully completed the:

- (1) Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or the Examination for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) and the certificate issued by the PTCB or NHA is current; or
- (2) Nuclear Pharmacy Technician Training Program at the University of Tennessee or other entity approved by the Board of Pharmacy.

Section 2. Registered Pharmacy Technician.

(1) A registered pharmacy technician may, under the immediate supervision of a pharmacist, engage in the following activities at a permitted location to the extent that the activities do not require the exercise of professional judgment:

(a) Initiate or receive telephonic or electronic communication from a practitioner or practitioner's agent concerning refill authorization. If the practitioner or practitioner's agent communicates information that does not relate to the refill authorization:

1. The technician shall immediately inform the pharmacist; and
2. The pharmacist shall receive the communication;

(b) Enter information into and retrieve information from a database or patient profile, including order entry;

(c) Prepare and affix labels;

(d) Stock and retrieve, or return product to or from the pharmacy inventory, including the stocking and loading of an automated filling or dispensing system with the use of barcode technology;

(e) Count and pour prescription drugs into patient storage containers;

(f) Obtain, record, or maintain information for a patient record;

(g) Make an offer to counsel;

(h) Sell and record the sale of an over-the-counter ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine product;

(i) Prepare for delivery unit dose mobile transport systems that have been refilled by another technician in an institutional pharmacy;

(j) Receive diagnostic orders within a nuclear pharmacy; and

(k) Non-sterile and sterile drug compounding.

(2) A registered pharmacy technician may, under electronic supervision, perform order entry from a location outside of the permitted pharmacy pursuant to KRS 315.020(5)(b) and (c) and 201 KAR 2:480.

(3) A registered pharmacy technician may, under general supervision:

(a) Administer a vaccine to an individual if the technician:

1. Completes a minimum of two (2) hours of immunization-related continuing education accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) per each state

registration period;

2. Completes, or has completed, a practical training program accredited by ACPE that includes hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines; and

3. Possesses a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(b) Stock an automated dispensing system in a residential hospice facility if a pharmacist is on-site; and

(c) Administer point of care tests.

Section 3. Certified Pharmacy Technician. A certified pharmacy technician, under the general supervision of a pharmacist, may be delegated by the supervising pharmacist to perform any function within the practice of pharmacy except the following:

(1) Patient counseling, including clinical advisement necessary to all areas of a patient's health;

(2) Drug evaluation, utilization, and regimen review;

(3) Interpretation of medical orders and prescriptions;

(4) Final product verification;

(5) Receipt of new verbal prescription drug or medical orders; and

(6) Other acts, services, or decisions that require professional judgement.

Section 4. Directing Pharmacist Responsibility.

(1) A function performed by a certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy technician shall be performed subject to the review of the pharmacist who directed the technician to perform the function.

(2) A pharmacist who directs a certified pharmacy technician or registered pharmacy technician to perform a function shall be responsible for the technician and the performance of the function.

Section 5. Pharmacy Technician Application and Renewal.

(1) Initial registration for pharmacy technician.

(a) An applicant shall provide a completed Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician form.

(b) The initial application shall be submitted no more than thirty (30) calendar days after the applicant commences employment at a pharmacy.

(2) Annual renewal requirement for pharmacy technician.

(a) Registered pharmacy technician licenses shall expire on March 31 of the year following the initial registration.

(b) A registered pharmacy technician shall renew the registration annually by providing a completed Application for Pharmacy Technician Renewal form.

(3) Fee exception: charitable. An applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician who serves only on a voluntary basis as a pharmacy technician with a pharmacy operated by a charitable provider as defined in KRS shall not be required to pay the application fee.

(4) Display of registration certificate for pharmacy technician.

(a) The registration certificate for a pharmacy technician shall be on display at his or her primary place of employment.

(b) The registration shall be exhibited upon request of a member, inspector, or agent of the board.

(5) Notification requirement. A pharmacy technician shall notify the board of a change of employer within fourteen (14) calendar days of the change.

Section 6. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician", 08/2025; and

(b) "Application for Pharmacy Technician Renewal", 08/2025.

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, State Office Building Annex, Suite 300, 125 Holmes Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This material is also available on the Board's website at: <https://pharmacy.ky.gov/statutesandregulations/Documents/Applications%20for%20Individuals%20-%20Incorporated%20By%20Reference.pdf>.

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