

Q & A Regarding
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION PROCESS DEADLINE
(Updated February 17, 2009)

1. What is required of permit holders and employees performing delegated pharmacy acts in a pharmacy after March 1, 2009?

Answer: For each employee performing delegated pharmacy acts under the supervision of a pharmacist, there must be documentation that:

- Shows in the permit holder's personnel file the date of entry into a Board-approved pharmacy technician training program; the length of the training program must not exceed 6 months;
- Demonstrates in the permit holder's personnel file that the employee or individual is a Board-exempted pharmacy student; OR
- There is a posted technician registration.

2. Can the extension date be extended beyond February 28, 2009?

Answer: No. The Board can not extend the registration deadline beyond February 28, 2009.

3. What if I submitted my application before the February 28, 2009 deadline, but have not been notified by the Board that I am registered?

Answer: If you have submitted an application prior to the deadline date, the Board will take into consideration the fact that you have a pending application at the Board if it learns of unregistered personnel working in a pharmacy performing delegated pharmacy acts.

4. What consequences may I face if I submit my application after the February 28, 2009 deadline and continue to work performing delegated pharmacy acts as a pharmacy technician?

Answer: When determining subsequent Board action to be taken if you are discovered to be working in a pharmacy after February 28, 2009, the Board will take into consideration the fact that there was not a pending application on file at the Board prior to February 28, 2009.

5. What possible consequences may I or my employer face, if I continue to work performing delegated pharmacy acts before I am registered with the Board?

Answer: The Board may pursue disciplinary action against you and/or your employer. In addition, your ability to register with the Board as a technician in the future may also be affected.

6. How will the Board know if unregistered personnel are working performing delegated pharmacy acts as a pharmacy technician after February 28, 2009?

Answer: The Board may learn of unregistered personnel working performing delegated pharmacy acts as a technician through an inspection report or through a complaint presented to the Board's Disciplinary Unit.

7. How can my employer verify that I have a pending application or that I am registered as a pharmacy technician?

Answer: The Board's web site contains two listings that you or your employer may check. The first list contains all applications received at the Board. The second list contains the names of all pharmacy technicians that have been registered by the Board. Visit: www.mdbop.org and click on the Pharmacy Technicians link located at the top of the home page.

8. What if I am in a Board approved training program or a student who is working in a pharmacy after February 28, 2009?

- All candidates for technician registration and students seeking exemption from registration requirements must be registered by February 28, 2009 in order to continue performing delegated pharmacy acts in a pharmacy area.
- If after February 28, 2009, non-pharmacist personnel working behind the counter and performing delegated pharmacy acts in the pharmacy area can document that they are enrolled in a Board-approved training programs, they may continue to work without registering with the Board until the training program is completed.
- Board approved training programs are not to exceed six months.

9. Are Patient Service Representatives (PSR) required to register as pharmacy technicians?

Yes. Even though PSRs may not be required to touch a prescription drug, they may be assigned in addition to other duties to: process refills in the computer; record prescription information; keep patients supplied with the appropriate amount of drugs and types of ancillary supplies needed to administer the drugs; track down lab values for pharmacist review; and even do some "triage" regarding therapy tolerance for the pharmacist.