

How to Apply for a Pharmacy Technician or Assistant License!

Every state differs in the rules that govern the practice of pharmacy, including ancillary personnel that assist the Pharmacist in day to day operations. See below for a summary of positions and how to apply for them in each state.

Washington

- 1. Pharmacy Assistant License** – means a person registered by the commission to perform limited functions in the pharmacy
 - No special training programs required
 - [WA PQAC Pharmacy Assistant License Application.](#)
- 2. Pharmacy Technician License** – means a person who is enrolled in, or who has satisfactorily completed, a commission – approved training program designed to prepare persons to perform nondiscretionary functions associated with the practice of pharmacy; or a person who is a graduate with a degree in pharmacy or medicine of a foreign school, university or college recognized by the commission
 - (a) [WA PQAC Pharmacy Technician License Application.](#)

Oregon

1. The purpose of the Pharmacy Technician (PT) license is to provide an opportunity for an individual to obtain competency in the role as a Pharmacy Technician. This license will allow an individual time to take and pass a national pharmacy technician certification examination, which is required to be eligible for licensure as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician (CPT). These rules facilitate the initial licensure of a nationally certified Pharmacy Technician seeking licensure in Oregon.
 1. To qualify for licensure as a Pharmacy Technician or Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician, an applicant must demonstrate that the applicant is at least 18 years of age and has completed high school (or equivalent).
 2. To qualify for licensure as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician, the applicant must also demonstrate that the applicant has taken and passed a national pharmacy technician certification examination offered by:
 - (a) Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB); or
 - (b) National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

California

- 1. Pharmacy Technician** – the licensee is under the direct supervision of a Pharmacist in a state facility and performs basic services in a pharmacy and technical pharmaceutically related duties which do not require licensure; and to do other related work.
 - (a) [CA State Board of Pharmacy Technician License](#)

Nevada

- 1. Pharmaceutical Technician** – means a person who performs technical services in a pharmacy under the direct supervision of a Pharmacist and is registered with the Board
 - (a) [Nevada Board of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Technician Application .](#)

Arizona

- 1. Pharmacy Technician** – means a person acting in compliance with all applicable statutes and rules and under the direct supervision of a Pharmacist may assist in activities as allowed.
 - (a) [Arizona Board of Pharmacy Technician License](#)



Nebraska

Pharmacy Technician - May only perform tasks which do not require professional judgement, and which are subject to verification to assist a pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy.

1. Anyone employed as a Pharmacy Technician must be registered before the first date of working as a Pharmacy Technician. If you were registered as a Pharmacy Technician as of January 1, 2016, you must be able to demonstrate completion of a board approved state or national pharmacy technician certification program. If you were registered after January 1, 2016, you must be certified within one year from registration date.

Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/PharmTechApp.pdf>

2. All pharmacy technicians working in Nebraska pharmacies must be nationally certified by an accredited technician certification board to register for the certified pharmacy technician registration (CPHT). Certification must be completed within 12 months following the date of pharmacy technician license registration. Currently accredited boards are the [Pharmacy Technician Certification Board \(PTCB\)](#) and the [National Healthcareer Association \(NHA\)](#).

Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/PharmTechApp.pdf>

Iowa

Pharmacy Support Person (PSP) License – An individual who assists in the nontechnical functions of the practice of a pharmacy, enabling pharmacist to provide pharmaceutical care to the patients.

1. Pharmacy Support Person (PSP) Initial Application: <https://ibop.igovsolution.net/initial/application/psp>

Pharmacy Technician Trainee License – This license allows for the licensee to work in a pharmacy that provides on the job training, providing the knowledge and experience to take and pass a National Certification Exam to become a Pharmacy Technician.

1. A person who seeks to work in an Iowa pharmacy must obtain license prior to working in a pharmacy.
Technician Trainee Application Form: <https://ibop.igovsolution.net/initial/application/techniciantrainee>

Note: A National Certification (test passed) is not required for Pharmacy Technician Trainee registration. The National Certification is only required for Iowa Certified Technician registration and is also required in order to continue employment after 12 months when initially registered as a trainee.

2. All pharmacy technician trainees working in Iowa pharmacies must be nationally certified by an accredited technician certification board to register for the certified pharmacy technician registration (CPHT). Certification must be completed within 12 months following the date of pharmacy technician trainee registration. Currently accredited boards are the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) and the National Healthcareer Association (NHA).

Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPHT) – A person who has taken and passed the national pharmacy technician certification examination and may under direct supervision of a pharmacist assist in activities as allowed.

Certified Technician Registration:

<https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023/05/Tech%20Registration%20Application%20fillable.pdf>



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