

657—3.3(155A) Registration required. Any person employed in Iowa as a pharmacy technician shall obtain and maintain during such employment a current registration as a certified pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee pursuant to these rules. An individual commencing employment as a pharmacy technician in Iowa who fails to register as a certified pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee as provided by these rules may be subject to disciplinary sanctions. A certified pharmacy technician commencing employment as a certified pharmacy technician in Iowa who fails to register as a certified pharmacy technician or who fails to maintain national certification may be subject to disciplinary sanctions. A pharmacist-intern with a current registration or a pharmacist with a current license is not required to obtain a pharmacy technician registration to work as a pharmacy technician.

3.3(1) Licensed health care provider. Except as provided in this rule, a licensed health care provider whose registration or license is in good standing with and not subject to current disciplinary sanctions or practice restrictions imposed by the licensee's professional licensing board and who assists in the technical functions of the practice of pharmacy shall be required to register as a certified pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee pursuant to these rules. A registered nurse licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152 or 152E who is engaged in the administration of immunizations and vaccinations and the utilization of statewide protocols pursuant to a pharmacist's order is exempt from registration.

3.3(2) Registration required. Beginning July 1, 2021, any person not currently registered with the board as a pharmacy technician shall obtain registration prior to commencement of employment in an Iowa pharmacy as a pharmacy technician. Through June 30, 2021, any person not currently registered with the board as a pharmacy technician shall submit a completed application for registration within 30 days of accepting employment in an Iowa pharmacy as a pharmacy technician.

3.3(3) Technician training. A person who is enrolled in a college-based or American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)-accredited technician training program shall obtain a pharmacy technician trainee registration prior to beginning on-site practical experience. A person who is employed in a pharmacy and who is receiving pharmacy technician training through work experience shall obtain a pharmacy technician trainee registration prior to the commencement of pharmacy technician training.

3.3(4) Registration number. Each pharmacy technician registered with the board will be assigned a unique registration number.

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