

**657—3.1 (155A) Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Board*” means the Iowa board of pharmacy.

“*Cashier*” means a person whose duties within the pharmacy are limited to accessing finished, packaged prescription orders and processing payments for and delivering such orders to the patient or the patient’s representative.

“*Certified pharmacy technician*” or “*certified technician*” means an individual who holds a valid current national certification and who has registered with the board as a certified pharmacy technician.

“*Delivery*” means the transport and conveyance of a finished, securely packaged prescription order to the patient or the patient’s caregiver.

“*Nationally accredited program*” means a program and examination for the certification of pharmacy technicians that is accredited by the NCCA.

“*NCCA*” means the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

“*Pharmacy support person*” means a person, other than a licensed pharmacist, a registered pharmacist-intern, or a registered pharmacy technician, who may perform nontechnical duties assigned by the pharmacist under the pharmacist’s responsibility and supervision pursuant to 657—Chapter 5.

“*Pharmacy technician*” or “*technician*” means a person who is employed in Iowa by a licensed pharmacy under the responsibility of an Iowa-licensed pharmacist to assist in the technical functions of the practice of pharmacy, as provided in rules 657—3.22(155A) through 657—3.24(155A), and includes a certified pharmacy technician and a pharmacy technician trainee.

“*Pharmacy technician certification*” or “*national certification*” means a certificate issued by a national pharmacy technician certification authority accredited by the NCCA attesting that the technician has successfully completed the requirements of the certification program. The term includes evidence of renewal of the national certification.

“*Pharmacy technician trainee*” or “*technician trainee*” means an individual who is in training to become a pharmacy technician and who is in the process of acquiring national certification as a pharmacy technician as provided in rule 657—3.5(155A).

“*Pharmacy technician training*” or “*technician training*” means education or experience acquired for the purpose of qualifying for and preparing for national certification.

“*Supervising pharmacist*” means an Iowa-licensed pharmacist who is on duty in a licensed pharmacy in Iowa and who is responsible for the actions of a pharmacy technician or other supportive personnel.

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