

657—3.5 (155A) Certification of pharmacy technicians. Except as provided in subrule 3.5(1), all pharmacy technicians shall be required to be nationally certified as provided by this rule. National certification acquired through successful completion of any NCCA-accredited pharmacy technician certification program and examination fulfills the requirement for national certification. National certification does not replace the need for licensed pharmacist control over the performance of delegated functions, nor does national certification exempt the pharmacy technician from registration pursuant to these rules. A certified pharmacy technician shall maintain the technician's national certification, in addition to the technician's Iowa registration, during any period of employment in an Iowa pharmacy as a certified pharmacy technician.

3.5(1) *Pharmacy technician trainee.* A person who is in the process of acquiring national certification as a pharmacy technician shall register with the board as a pharmacy technician trainee. The registration shall be issued for a period of one year and shall not be renewed.

3.5(2) *Certified pharmacy technician.* All applicants for a new pharmacy technician registration except as provided by subrule 3.5(1), and all applicants for renewal of a pharmacy technician registration, shall provide proof of current national pharmacy technician certification and shall complete the application for certified pharmacy technician registration.

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