

Pharmacist-Intern Duties

Governor Greg Abbott has [declared a state of disaster](#) in Texas due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The laws and rules governing the practice of pharmacy in Texas require pharmacist-interns to be supervised while performing certain duties. Specifically, board rule [283.5\(a\)\(1\)](#) provides that a pharmacist-intern may only perform pharmacist duties when delegated by and under the supervision of a pharmacist licensed by the board and approved as a preceptor.

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy has determined that strict compliance with these laws could prevent, hinder, or delay the delivery of pharmaceutical services in relation to efforts to cope with the declared disaster.

Accordingly, the Office of the Governor has, to the extent necessary, temporarily suspended the requirement for board approval as a preceptor in board rule 283.5(a)(1). This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020, disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

§283.5 Pharmacist-Intern Duties

(a) A pharmacist-intern participating in a board-approved internship program may perform any duty of a pharmacist provided the duties are delegated by and under the supervision of:

- (1) a pharmacist licensed by the board ~~and approved as a preceptor by the board~~; or
- (2) healthcare professional preceptor.