

Pharmacy Technician Trainees

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 pharmacy technician trainees to be registered for no more than a two (2) year period. Specifically, board rule [§297.5](#) states that pharmacy technician trainees may be designated as a pharmacy technician trainee for no more than two (2) years.

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 expiration dates of pharmacy technician trainee registrations of board rule 297.5. 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.

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~~(b) A person may be designated as a pharmacy technician trainee for no more than two years and the requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician must be completed within the two year period.~~