



## TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Re: Pharmacy Technician Trainees Must Be Registered

Dear Pharmacist-in-Charge:

Since June 1, 2004, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) has required that pharmacy technicians register with the Board. In addition, during the last legislative session, the Texas legislature passed a requirement that **pharmacy technician trainees** must also register with the Board. After February 1, 2007, a person performing pharmacy technician duties (*see reverse side for list of duties*) in a pharmacy must be registered by TSBP as either a pharmacy technician or a pharmacy technician trainee.

Individuals performing pharmacy technician trainee duties must complete the registration process by February 1, 2007. In order to meet the deadline, TSBP has begun accepting applications from pharmacy technician trainees. This registration process is free and available online. Generally, the registration will be issued in approximately two weeks unless the application is not properly completed or the applicant has a criminal history.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

To register, the pharmacy technician trainee registration applicant must either:

- (a) have a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED); or
- (b) be enrolled in high school or a program to obtain a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED).

### REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Links to the online registration applications for pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees, as well as important information including answers to common questions, can be found at [www.texaspharmacyboard.org](http://www.texaspharmacyboard.org). Pharmacies must ensure that all pharmacy technician trainees complete the online registration process.

### REMEMBER:

Any individual who performs technician duties on or after February 1, 2007, must be registered by TSBP as either a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee. Registration is required for persons who are enrolled in a technician training program at a local community college or professional school when they are completing an externship/clinical rotation at a pharmacy. If a person is performing pharmacy technician duties at a pharmacy without a registration after February 1, 2007, the licenses of both the pharmacy and the pharmacist-in-charge are subject to disciplinary action.

If you have questions contact TSBP via email at [tech@tsbp.state.tx.us](mailto:tech@tsbp.state.tx.us) or call (512) 305-8000.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director/Secretary