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**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION APPLICATION
AND INSTRUCTIONS**

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Dear Florida Pharmacy Technician Registration Applicant,

Thank you for applying for registration as a pharmacy technician in the State of Florida. The information in this packet has been designed to provide the essential information required to process your application in a timely manner. Your assistance in providing all required information will enable the Florida Board of Pharmacy (the board) staff to process your application as soon as possible. You are encouraged to apply as early as possible, to avoid delays due to a large volume of applicants.

Florida Statutes require a completed application before your application can be reviewed. You should use the enclosed checklist to ensure that all sections of the application are complete and that the required forms are submitted. Please read these instructions carefully and fully before submitting the application. You should keep a copy of the completed application and all other materials sent to the board office for your records. When you mail the completed application, use the address noted in the instructions and on the application form. You will receive a letter acknowledging receipt of your application. The staff will notify you within 7-14 days if any materials are incomplete.

If you need to communicate with the board staff, you are encouraged to email the board staff at info@floridaspharmacy.gov, or you may call us at (850) 245-4292. Phone calls are returned within 24 hours and emails are responded to within 48 hours during normal business hours. Our staff is committed to providing prompt and reliable information to our customers. Many procedures have been streamlined to expedite the processing of applications; we certainly welcome your comments on how our services may be improved.

Sincerely,

The Florida Board of Pharmacy

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requirements for Florida Pharmacy Technician Registration

Effective January 1, 2011, any person who wishes to work as a pharmacy technician in the State of Florida must register with the Board of Pharmacy. To register with the Board of Pharmacy, an applicant must submit the following items:

1. Pharmacy Technician Registration Application
2. \$105.00 Fee (\$50.00 non-refundable application fee, \$50.00 registration fee, \$5.00 unlicensed application fee)
3. Proof of completion of a board-approved pharmacy technician-training program.

Application Processing

Please read all application instructions before completing your application.

Within 7-14 days of receipt of your application, the board office will notify you of the receipt of your application, any required documents, and your status. In order to complete your application, please return the following with your application:

1) Social Security form (enclosed).

To obtain more information, or to apply for a social security number and card, you may contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 or www.socialsecurity.gov, or you may visit your local office.

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION MUST BE MET WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR OF THE RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION OR THE APPLICATION WILL EXPIRE AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REAPPLY AND RESUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS.

2) Proof of completion of a board-approved pharmacy technician training program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Effective July 1, 2012, section 456.0635, Florida Statutes, provides that health care boards or the department **shall refuse** to issue a license, certificate or registration and **shall refuse** to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant:

1. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under Chapter 409, F.S., (relating to social and economic assistance), Chapter 817, F.S., (relating to fraudulent practices), Chapter 893, F.S., (relating to drug abuse prevention and control) or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction unless the candidate or applicant has successfully completed a drug court program for that felony and provides proof that the plea has been withdrawn or the charges have been dismissed.

Any such conviction or plea shall exclude the applicant or candidate from licensure, examination, certification, or registration, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:

- For the felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation;
 - For the felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation;
 - For the felonies of the third degree under section 893.13(6)(a), F.S., more than five years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation;
2. Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 (relating to controlled substances) or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues), unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the date of the application;
 3. Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to section 409.913, F.S., unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent five years;
 4. Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state or Federal Government, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent five years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application;
 5. Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities.

NOTE: This section **does not apply** to candidates or applicants for initial licensure or certification who were enrolled in an educational or training program on or before July 1, 2009, which was recognized by a board or, if there is no board, recognized by the department, and who applied for licensure after July 1, 2012.

**Please submit the following to the Florida Board of Pharmacy:
P.O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320**

ITEM #1 Social Security Form:

Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security Numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. **The Department of Health is required and authorized to collect Social Security Numbers relating to applications for professional licensure pursuant to Title 42 USCS § 666 (a)(13). For all professions regulated under chapter 456, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the collection of Social Security Numbers is required by section 456.013 (1)(a), F.S.** Social Security Numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations. Social Security Numbers must also be recorded on all professional and occupational license applications and will be used for licensee identification pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act), 104 Pub. L. 193, Section 317. **Please attach to Item #2 (Pharmacy Technician Registration Application).**

ITEM #2 –Florida Pharmacy Technician Registration Application:

All sections must be **completed in full**. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions in 5-17 on the application, submit a statement giving full details and certified official court copies of any supporting documents for the board to review. If an item is not applicable, indicate with N/A. N/A is not an acceptable answer for yes or no questions and could result in a delay of processing. Failure to submit a complete application will result in a delay of processing. If you provide false information, the board may deny your application for registration.

Regarding Prior Criminal History and Disciplinary Actions

The Florida Board of Pharmacy receives numerous questions from applicants regarding prior criminal offenses. The following are the most frequently asked questions:

Question: What crimes or license discipline must be reported on the application?

Answer: All convictions, guilty pleas and nolo contendere pleas must be reported, except for minor traffic violations not related to the use of drugs or alcohol. This includes misdemeanors, felonies, “driving while intoxicated (DWI)” and “driving under the influence “(DUI).” Crimes must be reported even if they are a suspended sentence. All prior or current disciplinary action against another professional license must be reported, whether it occurred in Florida or in another state or territory.

Question: Can a person obtain a license if they have a misdemeanor or felony crime on their record?

Answer: Each application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Board of Pharmacy considers the nature, severity, and recency of offenses, rehabilitation and other factors. The Board cannot make a determination for approval or denial of licensure without evaluating the entire application and supporting documentation.

Question: Do I have to report charges if I completed a period of probation and the charges were dismissed or closed?

Answer: Yes. Offenses must be reported to the Board even if you received a suspended sentence and the record is now considered closed.

Applicants with previous arrest or disciplinary action on a license will not be authorized to practice pharmacy until all documentation is cleared by staff or reviewed by the Board.

Application Checklist

Keep a copy of the completed application for your records.

It is recommended that you use the following checklist to help ensure that your application is complete. Failure to submit required documentation to the Board will result in an incomplete application. **Final approval cannot be granted until the application is complete.** Faxed applications will not be accepted.

- _____ **Social Security Form (Item #1)**
- _____ **Pharmacy Technician Registration Application (Item #2)**
- _____ **Check made payable to the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH in the amount of \$105.00 attached.**
- _____ **Copy of your course certificate from a board approved training program**
- _____ **CRIMINAL HISTORY: “Yes” responses to questions in this section require the following documentation:**
 - _____ **Final Dispositions/Arrest Records:** The applicant must obtain and submit arrest and final disposition records for all offenses listed from the Clerk of the Court in the arresting jurisdiction. If the records are not available, you must have a letter on court letterhead sent from the Clerk of the Court attesting to their unavailability.
 - _____ **Self-Report:** Applicants who have listed offenses on the application must submit a letter in your own words describing the circumstances of the offense.
- _____ **HEALTH HISTORY: “Yes” responses to questions in this section require the following documentation:**
 - _____ Supporting documentation must include a letter from the applicant explaining the medical condition(s) or occurrence(s) and current status; letter(s) from licensed professional summarizing diagnosis, treatment and prognosis; or any other official documentation as it relates to any “yes” answer. Documentation should be current within the last year.



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ITEM #1
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Name: _____
Last First Middle

Social Security Number: _____

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ITEM #2 - Pharmacy Technician Registration Application

FEE: \$105.00

Please print or type legibly

1. Biographical data			
Last name	First name	Middle name	
Street address (ML – Mailing Location)	City	State	Zip
Work address (PL – Practice Location) (If you are not employed, please list your mailing address below). If you have multiple practice locations, please submit on an additional sheet, attach with application.	City	State	Zip
Home phone number	Business phone number	Date of birth	
E-mail address	Would you be willing to provide health services in special needs shelters or to help staff disaster medical assistance teams during times of emergency or major disasters?		
	Yes _____ No _____		
2. Equal Opportunity Data – We are required to ask that you furnish the following information as part of your voluntary compliance with Section 2, Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedure (1978) 43FR38295 (August 25, 1978). The information is gathered for statistical and reporting purposes only and does not in any way affect your candidacy for licensure.			
SEX: ☐ Male ☐ Female			
RACE: ☐ Caucasian ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Native American ☐ Other			
3. Have you ever changed your name through marriage or through action of a court or have you ever been known by any other name? If yes, list name(s) and date(s) of the change(s) below. Use a separate sheet, if necessary.			
Yes _____ No _____			
Name	Date		

4. Have you completed a board approved training course according to Rule 64B16-26.351 (3), F.A.C.?	
Yes _____ No _____	If yes, include a copy of your completed course certificate.
5. Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest, to a crime in any jurisdiction other than a minor traffic offense?	
Yes _____ No _____ (You must include all misdemeanors and felonies, even if adjudication was withheld by the court, so that you would not have a record of conviction. Driving under the influence or driving while impaired is <u>NOT</u> a minor traffic offense for the purposes of this question.)	
6. Has disciplinary action ever been taken against your pharmacy technician registration, or any other professional license you may have in this state or any other state?	
Yes _____ No _____	
7. Have you ever surrendered your pharmacist or any other professional license in another jurisdiction when disciplinary action was pending?	
Yes _____ No _____	
8. Are you presently under investigation or is any disciplinary action pending against you?	
Yes _____ No _____	

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9. In the last five (5) years, have you been enrolled in, required to enter into, or participated in any drug or alcohol recovery program or impaired practitioner program for treatment of drug or alcohol abuse that occurred within the past five years?

Yes _____ No _____

10. In the last five (5) years, have you been admitted or referred to a hospital, facility or impaired practitioner program for treatment of a diagnosed mental disorder or impairment?

Yes _____ No _____

11. During the last five (5) years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed physical impairment that has impaired your ability to practice pharmacy?

Yes _____ No _____

12. In the last five (5) years, were you admitted or directed into a program for the treatment of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol/drug) disorder or, if you were previously in such a program, did you suffer a relapse within the last five (5) years?

Yes _____ No _____

13. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under Chapter 409, F.S. (relating to social and economic assistance), Chapter 817, F.S. (relating to fraudulent practices), Chapter 893, F.S. (relating to drug abuse prevention and control) or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction? (If you responded “no”, skip to #14.)
Yes _____ No _____
13a. If “yes” to 13, for the felonies of the first or second degree, has it been more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation?
Yes _____ No _____
13b. If “yes” to 13, for the felonies of the third degree, has it been more than 10 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation? (This question does not apply to felonies of the third degree under Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes).
Yes _____ No _____
13c. If “yes” to 13, for the felonies of the third degree under Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes, has it been more than 5 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation?
Yes _____ No _____
13d. If “yes” to 13, have you successfully completed a drug court program that resulted in the plea for the felony offense being withdrawn or the charges dismissed? (If “yes”, please provide supporting documentation).
Yes _____ No _____
14. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 (relating to controlled substances) or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues)?
Yes _____ No _____
14a. If “yes” to 14, has it been more than 15 years before the date of application since the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended?
Yes _____ No _____
15. Have you ever been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program pursuant to Section 409.913, Florida Statutes? (If no, do not answer 15a.)
Yes _____ No _____
15a. If you have been terminated but reinstated, have you been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid Program for the most recent five years?

Yes _____ No _____
16. Have you ever been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state or federal government, from any other state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program? (If no, do not answer 16a and 16b.)
Yes _____ No _____
16a. Have you been in good standing with a state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program for the most recent five years?
Yes _____ No _____
16b. Did the termination occur at least 20 years prior to the date of this application?
Yes _____ No _____
17. Are you currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities?
Yes _____ No _____
18. If "yes" to any of the questions 13 through 17 above, on or before July 1, 2009, were you enrolled in an educational or training program in the profession in which you are seeking licensure that was recognized by this profession's licensing board or the Department of Health? (If "yes", please provide official documentation verifying your enrollment status.)
Yes _____ No _____
All of the above questions must be answered or your application will be returned for completion. If you answer "yes" to any questions in 5-16b, explain on a sheet providing accurate details, and submit a certified official copy of the order of the court or state board of pharmacy, supporting documents or all if applicable.

Section 456.013(1)(a), F.S., requires that applicants supplement their applications as needed to reflect any material change in any circumstances or changes stated in the application which takes place between the initial filing of the application and the final grant or denial of the license and which might affect the decision of the department.

The statements contained in this application are true, complete and correct and I agree that said statements shall form the basis of my application and I do authorize the Florida Board of Pharmacy to make any investigations they deem appropriate and to secure any additional information concerning me. I further authorize them to furnish any information they may have or have in the future concerning me to any person, corporation, institution, association, board or any municipal, county, state, or federal government agencies or units, and that I understand according to the Florida Board of Pharmacy statutes, a pharmacist's license may be revoked or suspended for presenting any false, fraudulent, or forged statement, certificate, diploma, or other item, in connection with an application for a license or permit, as set forth in section 456.015(2)(a), F.S

Applicant Signature

Date