

**CHAPTER 61-02-07.1  
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

**61-02-07.1-03. Educational preparation.**

1. To be eligible to be registered by the board of pharmacy as a pharmacy technician the person must have completed one of the following requirements:
  - a. Successful completion of an American society of health systems pharmacists accredited academic program;
  - b. An American society of health systems pharmacists accredited on-the-job training program.
2. Technician certification:
  - a. An applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician must have obtained certification by a national certification body approved by the board of pharmacy.
  - b. A technician registered after August 1, 1995, must obtain ~~and maintain~~ certification by a national certification body approved by the board of pharmacy.
  - c. ~~A registered technician who does not hold certification on April 1, 2011, will have until March 1, 2014, to obtain that certification.~~
  - d. ~~A copy of a current certification certificate will serve as proof of the technician's continuing education requirement upon renewal or a continuing education audit.~~
  - e. The pharmacy technician certification board (PTCB) and National Healthcareer Association (NHA) are ~~is an~~ approved certification ~~body~~ bodies.
  - f. If a competency exam is developed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to foster transfer of registration between states, this will be accepted in lieu of certification.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 28-32-02, 43-15-10(12)(14)(19)

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**61-02-07.1-04. Ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians.** The ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians may not be greater than one to ~~three~~ four (one pharmacist to ~~three~~ four pharmacy technicians) in a retail and hospital setting. The ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians may not be greater than one to ~~four~~ five (one pharmacist to ~~four~~ five pharmacy technicians) in a ~~hospital or~~ closed-door pharmacy that does not deal directly with patients. ~~A pharmacist may not supervise more than four telepharmacy sites.~~ This ratio does not include other supportive personnel or interns.

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**61-02-07.1-10. Pharmacy technician continuing education.**

1. Each pharmacy technician shall complete at least ten hours of approved pharmacy technician continuing education every year as a condition of renewal of a registration as a pharmacy technician in North Dakota.

2. There may be no carryover or extension of continuing education units with the exception that continuing education units obtained twelve months prior to the beginning of each annual reporting period may be used in the current annual reporting period which begins March first of each year and ends the last day of February, or the previous reporting period. However, they may not be counted as credit in both reporting periods. The failure to obtain the required ten hours of continuing education by the renewal date may result in a suspension for a minimum of thirty days, or a maximum of the period ending the date the continuing education is completed.
3. Pharmacy technicians shall maintain their own records ~~on forms supplied by the board~~. The records must be maintained for a two-year period.
4. The requirements of this section do not apply to a pharmacy technician applying for a first renewal of a registration.
5. A pharmacy technician registered with the board may make application to the board for a waiver of compliance with the pharmacy technician continuing education requirements and may be granted an exemption by the board.
6. Upon request of the board, proof of compliance must be furnished to the board.
7. ~~Approved pharmacy technician continuing education means those pharmacy technician continuing education programs approved by the board. The board shall maintain a record of approved programs, including the hours of credit assigned to each program which shall be available upon request.~~

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