

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 9.5 and 17.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/9.5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

8 Sec. 9.5. Registered certified pharmacy technician.

9 (a) An individual licensed as a registered pharmacy  
10 technician under this Act may be licensed as a registered  
11 certified pharmacy technician, if he or she meets all of the  
12 following requirements:

13 (1) He or she has submitted a written application in  
14 the form and manner prescribed by the Department.

15 (2) He or she has attained the age of 18.

16 (3) He or she is of good moral character, as  
17 determined by the Department.

18 (4) Beginning on January 1, 2024 ~~2022~~, a new pharmacy  
19 technician is required to have (i) graduated from a  
20 pharmacy technician training program that meets the  
21 requirements set forth in subsection (a) of Section 17.1  
22 of this Act or (ii) obtained documentation from the  
23 pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy where the applicant

1 is employed verifying that he or she has successfully  
2 completed a standardized nationally accredited education  
3 and training program, and has successfully completed an  
4 objective assessment mechanism prepared in accordance with  
5 rules established by the Department.

6 (5) He or she has successfully passed an examination  
7 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying  
8 Agencies, as approved and required by the Board or by  
9 rule.

10 (6) He or she has paid the required licensure fees.

11 (b) No pharmacist whose license has been denied, revoked,  
12 suspended, or restricted for disciplinary purposes may be  
13 eligible to be registered as a certified pharmacy technician  
14 unless authorized by order of the Department as a condition of  
15 restoration from revocation, suspension, or restriction.

16 (c) The Department may, by rule, establish any additional  
17 requirements for licensure under this Section.

18 (d) A person who is not a licensed registered pharmacy  
19 technician and meets the requirements of this Section may be  
20 licensed as a registered certified pharmacy technician without  
21 first being licensed as a registered pharmacy technician.

22 (e) As a condition for the renewal of a license as a  
23 registered certified pharmacy technician, the licensee shall  
24 provide evidence to the Department of completion of a total of  
25 20 hours of continuing pharmacy education during the 24 months  
26 preceding the expiration date of the certificate as

1 established by rule. One hour of continuing pharmacy education  
2 must be in the subject of pharmacy law. One hour of continuing  
3 pharmacy education must be in the subject of patient safety.  
4 The continuing education shall be approved by the  
5 Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education.

6 The Department may establish by rule a means for the  
7 verification of completion of the continuing education  
8 required by this subsection (e). This verification may be  
9 accomplished through audits of records maintained by  
10 licensees, by requiring the filing of continuing education  
11 certificates with the Department or a qualified organization  
12 selected by the Department to maintain such records, or by  
13 other means established by the Department.

14 Rules developed under this subsection (e) may provide for  
15 a reasonable annual fee, not to exceed \$20, to fund the cost of  
16 such recordkeeping. The Department may, by rule, further  
17 provide an orderly process for the restoration of a license  
18 that has not been renewed due to the failure to meet the  
19 continuing pharmacy education requirements of this subsection  
20 (e). The Department may waive the requirements of continuing  
21 pharmacy education, in whole or in part, in cases of extreme  
22 hardship as defined by rule of the Department. The waivers may  
23 be granted for not more than one of any 2 consecutive renewal  
24 periods.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-497, eff. 9-8-17; 101-621, eff. 1-1-20.)

1 (225 ILCS 85/17.1)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

3 Sec. 17.1. Registered pharmacy technician training.

4 (a) It shall be the joint responsibility of a pharmacy and  
5 its pharmacist in charge to have trained all of its registered  
6 pharmacy technicians or obtain proof of prior training in all  
7 of the following practice areas as they apply to Illinois law  
8 and relate to the specific practice site and job  
9 responsibilities:

10 (1) The duties and responsibilities of the technicians  
11 and pharmacists.

12 (2) Tasks and technical skills, policies, and  
13 procedures.

14 (3) Compounding, packaging, labeling, and storage.

15 (4) Pharmaceutical and medical terminology.

16 (5) Record keeping requirements.

17 (6) The ability to perform and apply arithmetic  
18 calculations.

19 Beginning January 1, 2024 ~~2022~~, it shall also be the joint  
20 responsibility of a pharmacy and its pharmacist in charge to  
21 ensure that all new pharmacy technicians are educated and  
22 trained using a standard nationally accredited education and  
23 training program, such as those accredited by the  
24 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)/the  
25 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) or other  
26 board approved education and training programs. The pharmacist

1 in charge is not required to provide the required education to  
2 the pharmacy technician, but the pharmacist in charge must  
3 ensure that the pharmacy technician has presented proof that  
4 he or she completed a standard nationally accredited or board  
5 approved education and training program.

6 (b) Within 2 years of initial licensure as a pharmacy  
7 technician and within 6 months before beginning any new duties  
8 and responsibilities of a registered pharmacy technician, it  
9 shall be the joint responsibility of the pharmacy and the  
10 pharmacist in charge to train the registered pharmacy  
11 technician or obtain proof of prior training in the areas  
12 listed in subsection (a) of this Section as they relate to the  
13 practice site or to document that the pharmacy technician is  
14 making appropriate progress.

15 (c) All pharmacies shall maintain an up-to-date training  
16 program policies and procedures manual describing the duties  
17 and responsibilities of a registered pharmacy technician and  
18 registered certified pharmacy technician.

19 (d) All pharmacies shall create and maintain retrievable  
20 records of training or proof of training as required in this  
21 Section.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-497, eff. 9-8-17; 101-621, eff. 1-1-20.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.