

Pharmacy Technician Registration FAQ

What are the requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician?

There are several paths to registration as a pharmacy technician; you can find more at the licensure snapshot located on the Board's website [here](#). Additionally, applicants can review the Board's regulations regarding the requirements for pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainee applications [here](#).

Additionally, applicants may find a list of Board-approved provider programs, to include pharmacy employers, [here](#).

How do I start my application to register?

An applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee can apply by creating an account and completing the application on the [PALS](#) website. Once you create an application, you can answer the necessary questions and supply any necessary information to support your application.

Where do I find the form to certify my employer-based training program?

The form to provide to an employer or to certify your training can be found once you create an application in PALS, and the form is downloaded directly from within the application on the PALS website. Once the form is completed, your employer can upload the form to your application using the direct link provided in the document email, or they can email the form direct to the board at st-pharmacy@pa.gov.

Do employers need to register their training programs with the Board?

Pharmacy employers who offer a pharmacy technician training program are required to certify that the program provided by the employer meets the requirements of 49 Pa. Code 27.702. The employer does this on a form provided by the applicant at the time of the registration of the applicant. The employer is not required to register the program or curriculum with the Board in advance. However, the program must establish all of the required competency and comply with all regulatory requirements for a pharmacy training program. The requirements for a pharmacy technician training program can be found [here](#).

Can I be grandfathered in?

Only persons that worked as a pharmacy technician for at least one year between January 29, 2019, and January 29, 2021, may be grandfathered in if they apply for registration by June 28, 2026, one year from the effective date of the Board's regulations. The grandfather

provision simply exempts the applicant from certain requirements of registration. Those wishing to take advantage of this provision are still required to be registered with the Board.

Applicants who meet the one-year work requirement will also need to provide proof of employment which may consist of a verification from the employer or a W-2 from that period.

The Board's regulations relating to the grandfather requirement can be found [here](#).

Are there fees associated with registration?

The application fee for a pharmacy technician registration is \$30 dollars. Applicants registering as a pharmacy technician trainee have a \$15 dollar application fee, which will be applied to the cost of a pharmacy technician registration once the applicant completes their training program.

Pharmacy technicians will be required to renew their registration on a biennial basis with a fee of \$70.