

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.17739a Pharmacy technician; licensure; requirements; exemption from certain requirements.**

Sec. 17739a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department may license an individual who meets all of the following requirements as a pharmacy technician under this part:

- (a) Submits a completed application to the department on a form prescribed by the department.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), graduated from an accredited high school or comparable school or educational institution or passed the general educational development test or other graduate equivalency examination.
- (c) Satisfies the requirements of section 16174.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), passes and submits proof to the department of passage of any of the following:
  - (i) The certified pharmacy technician examination given by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.
  - (ii) The certified pharmacy technician examination given by the National Healthcareer Association.
  - (iii) Any other nationally recognized and administered certification examination approved by the board.
  - (iv) An employer-based training program examination that is approved by the board and covers job descriptions, pharmacy security, commonly used medical abbreviations, routes of administration, product selection, final check by pharmacists, guidelines for the use of pharmacy technicians, pharmacy terminology, basic drug information, basic calculations, quality control procedures, state and federal laws and regulations regarding pharmacy technician duties, pharmacist duties, pharmacy intern duties, prescription or drug order processing procedures, drug record-keeping requirements, patient confidentiality, and pharmacy security and drug storage.
- (2) An individual who is not a pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician shall not perform any of the functions described in section 17739(1) for a pharmacy.
- (3) A pharmacist shall not allow any individual employed or otherwise under the personal charge of the pharmacist to violate subsection (2). A person that owns, manages, operates, or conducts a pharmacy shall not allow any individual employed or otherwise under the control of that person to violate subsection (2).
- (4) An individual who meets any of the following is not required to meet the requirements of subsection (1)(b) and (d) to be eligible for a license under subsection (1):
  - (a) As provided in section 16171(a), is a student in a pharmacy technician program approved by the board.
  - (b) Is applying for a temporary license under section 17739b.
  - (c) Is applying for a limited license under section 17739c.

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