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Senator Cameron Henry  
President, Louisiana Senate  
Via Email: [APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov](mailto:APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov)

## Electronic Mail – Delivery Receipt Requested

Re: Report No. 1 of 3 for Regulatory Project 2025-03 ~ Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications

Dear Senator Henry:

The Board of Pharmacy seeks to amend Section 905 of its rules relative to pharmacy technician certificate qualifications. In response to Act 253 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature, the proposed rule change removes the practice requirement placed upon a pharmacy technician applicant from another state and recognizes the exception provided by the Act in regard to the examination requirement.

In connection with this regulatory project, the following items are appended:

- Notice of Intent
- Fiscal & Economic Impact Statement

As indicated in the solicitation, we will convene a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 to receive public comments and testimony on this proposed rule change. We will summarize those comments and our responses thereto in our next report to you. In the event you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me directly at [jfontenot@pharmacy.la.gov](mailto:jfontenot@pharmacy.la.gov) or 225.925.6481.

For the Board:

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.  
Executive Director

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Health

### Board of Pharmacy

#### Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications (LAC 46:LIII.905)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and the Pharmacy Practice Act (R.S. 37:1161 et seq.), the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §905 of its rules relative to pharmacy technician certificate qualifications. In response to Act 253 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature, the proposed rule change removes the practice requirement placed upon a pharmacy technician applicant from another state and recognizes the exception provided by the Act in regard to the examination requirement.

### Title 46

## PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

### Part LIII. Pharmacists

#### Chapter 9. Pharmacy Technicians

#### §905. Pharmacy Technician Certificate

A. – A.3.b. ...

c. In the event the applicant ~~has been~~ is currently licensed, registered, or otherwise credentialed by another state board of pharmacy ~~and has been practicing~~ for at least one year as a pharmacy technician in that state, the applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of a board-approved pharmacy technician certification examination, with the exception provided by the Welcome Home Act, R.S. 37:51 et seq.

4. ...

B. – B.6. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1212.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Pharmacy, LR 30:2486 (November 2004), effective January 1, 2005, amended LR 38:1235 (May 2012), LR 39:1777 (July 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy, LR 43:2497 (December 2017), effective January 1, 2018, amended LR 46:576 (April 2020), amended LR

### Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a family impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. The following statements will be published in the *Louisiana Register* with the proposed agency Rule.

1. The Effect on the Stability of the Family. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the stability of the family.
2. The Effect on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
3. The Effect on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the functioning of the family.
4. The Effect on Family Earnings and Family Budget. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.
5. The Effect on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
6. The Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the ability of the family or a local government to perform the activity as contained in the proposed Rule.

### **Poverty Impact Statement**

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a poverty impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment.

1. The Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on household income, assets, or financial security.

2. The Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on early childhood development or preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. The Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed rule change could have an effect on employment by increasing the number of credentialed pharmacy technicians. However, the impact is not measurable and is expected to be negligible.

4. The Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on taxes or tax credits.

5. The Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation, and Utilities Assistance. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, or utilities assistance.

### **Small Business Analysis**

In accordance with Section 965 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a regulatory flexibility analysis on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses:

1. The Establishment of Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on reporting requirements for small business.

2. The Establishment of Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

3. The Consolidation or Simplification of Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

4. The Establishment of Performance Standards for Small Businesses to Replace Design or Operational Standards Required in the Proposed Rule. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards for small business.

5. The Exemption of Small Businesses from All or Any Part of the Requirements Contained in the Proposed Rule. There are no exemptions for small businesses in the proposed Rule amendment.

### **Provider Impact Statement**

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the Regular Session of the 2014 Legislature, there is hereby submitted a provider impact statement on the Rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. This will certify the agency has considered, without limitation, the following effects on the providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed Rule amendment will have no impact on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of service. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments, via United States Postal Service or other carrier, or in the alternative by personal delivery to M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1700. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule amendment. The deadline for the receipt of all written comments is 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule change is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the board office. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and testimony, either verbally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments and testimony is 12 p.m. that same day. To request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the board office at 225.925.6496.

M. Joseph Fontenot Jr.

Executive Director

## **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

### **RULE TITLE: Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications**

#### **I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 25 and \$500 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

#### **II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units. No revenue will be generated for the Board of Pharmacy from the pharmacy technician certification examination.

#### **III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

There are no anticipated economic losses resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule change will benefit pharmacy technician applicants that have been credentialed by another state board of pharmacy who wish to obtain a credential in this state by removing the requirement to have practiced for at least one year as a pharmacy technician in that state.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

The proposed rule change could have an effect on employment by increasing the number of credentialed pharmacy technicians. However, the impact is not measurable and is expected to be negligible.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return Address:	3388 Brentwood Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70809	Rule Title:	Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications
		Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon promulgation August 20, 2025 (est.)

SUMMARY  
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

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M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director  
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

April 4, 2025  
Date of Signature

  
Latrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer  
Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee  
4/09/2025  
Date of Signature

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

In response to Act 253 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature, the proposed rule change removes the practice requirement placed upon a pharmacy technician applicant from another state and recognizes the exception provided by the Act in regard to the examination requirement.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Act 253 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature created processes for pharmacy technicians holding credentials in other states to reciprocate to Louisiana. The Board deemed it necessary to amend its rules relative to pharmacy technician certificate qualifications, which are slightly more stringent, to align with law.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed Rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule change will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) X \_\_\_\_\_ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy operates on self-generating funds, and they have determined the proposed rule change is in the public's best interest.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500	\$500	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state agencies resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is approximately \$500 in FY 25 and \$500 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$500	\$500	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has sufficient self-generated funds to implement the proposed rule change.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule change will not result in costs or savings to local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule change will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule change will not affect revenue collections of state or local governmental units. No revenue will be generated for the Board of Pharmacy from the pharmacy technician certification examination.



FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

There are no anticipated economic losses resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule change will benefit pharmacy technician applicants that have been credentialed by another state board of pharmacy who wish to obtain a credential in this state by removing the requirement to have practiced for at least one year as a pharmacy technician in that state.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule change will not impact a licensee's receipts or revenue.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule changes are anticipated to have a positive impact on increasing employment by increasing the number of credentialed pharmacy technicians. However, the impact is not measurable and is expected to be negligible.