



Nova Scotia
Pharmacy
Regulator

Registration and Licensing of Pharmacist as Pharmacy Technician Policy

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CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

To practice pharmacy in Nova Scotia, individuals must be registered and licensed with the Nova Scotia Pharmacy Regulator (NSPR).

There may be circumstances where a pharmacist, currently licensed with the NSPR to provide direct patient care, chooses to seek licensure as a pharmacy technician.

This policy outlines the process and requirements for such a transition in licensure status.

POLICY

1.0 A pharmacist currently registered and licensed by the NSPR on the practising register may apply to the Registrar to be registered and licensed on the practising register as a pharmacy technician.

2.0 On receipt of the request and applicable fee, and if there are no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions or restrictions against the pharmacist that would preclude the issuing of a practising licence, the Registrar must do all of the following:

- 2.1 license the pharmacist as a pharmacy technician;
- 2.2 cancel the pharmacist's licence to practise pharmacy as a pharmacist; and
- 2.3 change the registration of the pharmacist from the pharmacist register to the pharmacy technician register.

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