

RE: How to Get Pharmacy Technician License

Start Time: 8:10 pm
End Time: 9

Roles of a Pharmacy Technician

- **Fill prescriptions:** dispense meds to be verified by the pharmacist
- **Handle insurance:** verify insurance of patient
- **Customer service:** interact with patients daily

How to get Licensed - path 1

- **Qualify to take the PTCE**
 - Take a course or work 500 hours
- **Apply and take the PTCE**
 - Preparation is the KEY
- **Apply for license**
 - Get licensed by the CA State Board of Pharmacy
- **Work and renew license**
 - Licenses need to be renewed every 2 years

How to get Licensed - path 2

- **Work for 240 hours**
 - Work in a pharmacy instead of taking the PTCE
- **Apply for license**
 - Get certified by the CA State Board of Pharmacy
- **Work and renew license**
 - Licenses need to be renewed every 2 years

Applying and Prepping for the PTCE

- **PTCE recognized education/training program for completion within 60 days**
 - Can apply for the exam while you are doing the program
 - There are online and in-person courses
- **Or equivalent work experience as a pharmacy technician (min 500 hours)**

Recommended Resources

- **RxTechExam**
 - <http://rxtechexam.com/home>
 - \$250-300
 - PTCB.org provides a practice test - good to get comfy with format
- **Mosby's Review for Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination**
 - 3rd edition works fine
- **Other Resources**
 - <https://ptcbtestprep.com/ptcb-blog/>
 - <https://www.pharmacytechshq.com/resources-library/>

How to Apply and What to Expect on Exam Day

- **Applying**
 - Create an account on <http://www.ptcb.org/>
 - Order the exam, cost \$129
 - Only in-person
 - Once approved, email is sent to schedule exam date
- **Exam Day**
 - Arrive and check in at least 30 min early

- Bring an approved form of ID
- Preliminary exam result shows on screen immediately after your test
 - Official test results posted online 1-3 weeks later

Exam Details

- 90 multiple choice questions (10 unscored)
 - You won't know which questions are unscored
- 2 hours to complete exam (includes a 5 min tutorial + 5 min post-survey)
- Passing score = 1400
 - Score is between 1000-1600
- All the questions are weighted differently from each other

Topics Covered in PTCE

- 40% medications
- 26.25% patient safety and quality assurance
- 21.25% order entry and processing
- 12.5% federal requirements

License

- State Board of Pharmacy
 - Application fee of \$195 made to the Board of Pharmacy
 - Pharmacy Technician Application
 - Download from pharmacy.ca.gov
 - SSN or Taxpayer ID Number
 - A passport style photo
 - Taken within 60 days of filling the application
 - Proof of education
 - Official high school transcript
 - PTCB Certification
 - Download from PTCB website
 - Self Query Report
 - Obtain from NPDB
 - Fee required
 - Fingerprint Live Scan receipt
 - Taken within 60 days of filling the application
 - Application may take up to 45 days to be processed

License Renewal

- CphTs are required to renew certification every 2 years
- Renewal application opens 60 days before certification expiration date
- Renew by continuing education: Complete a minimum of 20 hours of Continuing Education (CE)
- Renewal fee: \$194
 - You can renew online or by mail