



INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Currently in Practice

Those who are “currently in practice” will have a limited time to pursue registration through this path as it is only intended to be offered until December 31, 2015. After that time, those wishing to become registered, will have to take the ‘new to practice’ path and successfully complete a CCAPP accredited pharmacy technician program offered through a public or private college.

In order to be eligible to take the “currently in practice” path, you must have worked in “pharmacy practice” for a minimum of 2000 hours in the past 3 years. Specific duties defined as “pharmacy practice” are identified on the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) website at www.pebc.ca.

Here’s what you need to do to become registered as a pharmacy technician in BC.

o **Step 1** **Successfully complete the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination**

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You are exempt from completing the PEBC Evaluating Exam if you hold a certification from either PTCB-AB (up to 2008) or OCP (up to 2008), or completed an accredited pharmacist degree program in Canada or the continental U.S.

o **Step 2** **Pre-register with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia**

Submit the pre-registration application form below. Allow up to 20 business days to process this application.

☞ [Application for Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technician - Currently in Practice](#)

o **Step 3** **Successfully complete the Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program**

Registration for the Bridging Program is available through UBC’s Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development (UBC-CPPD) website.

☞ [Bridging program information](#)

o **Step 4** **Successfully complete the PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Exam – Part I and Part II**

For information on the Qualifying Exam, visit the PEBC website.

☞ www.pebc.ca



- o **Step 5** **Submit the “Application for Pharmacy Technician Registration”**
Allow up to 5 business days to process this application.
☞ [Application for Pharmacy Technician Registration - Final](#)

- o **Step 6** **Congratulations!**
You have now completed all the steps necessary to become a registered pharmacy technician in BC. The College will issue a certificate of registration and annual registration card designed to be carried in your wallet. You will need to renew your registration once a year.

Note the following:

- ❖ Steps 1, 2 and 3 can be performed in any order, however if you are registered for the Bridging Program, you are expected to pre-register with the College soon after starting the program.
- ❖ The PEBC Qualifying Exam can be completed prior to the Bridging Program although we recommend that the Bridging Program be completed first. The content within the Bridging Program is specific to the expanded scope of practice for regulated pharmacy technicians and should therefore help technicians prepare for the Qualifying Exam.
- ❖ The Jurisprudence Exam material is integrated within the Professional Practice course of the Bridging Program and therefore is no longer a separate registration step.