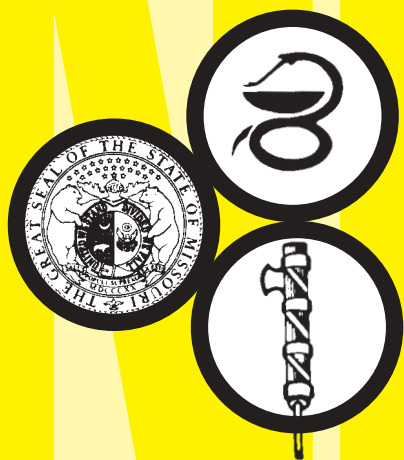


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Technician Registration Renewals

The annual renewal for all registered technicians will be well under way by the time this *Newsletter* is circulated. The expiration date for all registrations is May 31. Renewal applications were mailed to the last known address of every technician during the first part of March. Each **pharmacist-in-charge** is responsible for ensuring that only currently registered technicians have access to the pharmacy in order to assist in the practice of pharmacy. Any technician who does not receive a renewal notice and who wishes to maintain a current registration in this state should contact the Missouri Board of Pharmacy office immediately. **No renewal application will be processed and no registration renewed on any mail received by the Board postmarked later than May 31.** Anyone failing to renew his or her registration cannot continue to work as a technician and will have to reapply for registration as if he or she had never registered. This means completing an initial registration application and providing the required sets of fingerprint cards and fees.

Board of Pharmacy Web Site

The Board maintains a Web site through the Department of Economic Development at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/pr/pharmacy. The Board continues to expand and update information that is useful to licensees. The icons available for use include application forms, past *Newsletters*, the revised generic drug formulary, online search for licensees, technician disqualification list, minutes of Board meetings, and a section that will allow you to review frequently asked questions with accompanying answers to assist licensees in their efforts at voluntary compliance. Most important are the two icons that will give access to the practice act and Board regulations. The printed "red law book" and the periodic updates, which are published during the year, are helpful but the information on the Web site is updated constantly and will be the most accurate source of information for laws. Other state and federal laws can be accessed through links established with the Food and Drug Administration, Drug Enforcement Agency, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the United States Pharmacopeia. Most information can be downloaded or printed from a home or business computer that has access to the Internet.

Compliance Issues

When a change in pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) occurs, the Board office must be notified immediately. There is no grace

period. The form to officially make a change is available on the Board of pharmacy Web site. The completion of the form requires a notarized signature, but there is no fee for making a change of a pharmacist-in-charge, and it may be done as many times as is necessary to maintain the legal status of a pharmacy permit. The completed, notarized form must be provided to the Board office along with the pharmacy permit so that it can be properly updated. A complete inventory of controlled substances must be done at the time the change occurs. Although it is recommended that the new pharmacist-in-charge complete the inventory, the law only specifies that one be taken.

- ◆ A pharmacist can elect to be pharmacist-in-charge of more than one pharmacy at the same time if he or she chooses. There is no legal limit as to how many pharmacies a pharmacist may be the PIC. It is important that any pharmacist contemplating accepting a position of pharmacist-in-charge of one or more pharmacies study Board regulation 4CSR 220-2.090 pharmacist-in-charge to make sure all responsibilities of the position are understood and that compliance with all elements of the regulation will be maintained in all pharmacies.
- ◆ Missouri law has always recognized the use of technicians as assistants to the pharmacist in providing pharmaceutical services. The most important requirement under the law is that the pharmacist maintain immediate and direct supervision of such personnel. Technicians cannot provide counseling to patients even if the pharmacist is providing the information directly to the technician. Only pharmacists can provide counseling to patients. Responsibility for any actions taken by technicians in the pharmacy will rest with the supervising pharmacist and pharmacist-in-charge.

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Licensing Statistics for Fiscal Year 2001

(Increase or decrease in number of licensees from Fiscal Year 2000 shown as +/-)

Pharmacists	6,469	(-130)
Pharmacies (In-state)	1,285	(-2)
Pharmacies (Nonresident)	266	(+25)
Drug Distributors (Licensed)	1,057	(+86)
Drug Manufacturers (Nonresident)	85	(+10)
Interns (Students)	634	(+161)
Technicians (Registered)	7,140	(-1089)

For further information and statistics on licensure breakdown and other information on Board activities and operations, contact the Board office for a free copy of the annual report.

Licensing Actions

Pharmacists

James E. Tilghman, #27674, Cape Girardeau, Mo – January 1, 2002. Suspension for one year, followed by Probation for five (5) years. Overfilled stock containers, audit overages, drug samples found in pharmacy where he served as Pharmacist-in-Charge. Section 338.055.2(5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo Supp. 1999.

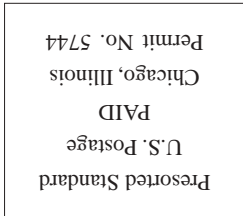
Lawrence E. Schreiber, Jr, #28591, St Louis, Mo – March 21, 2002. Suspension for six (6) months, followed by Probation for five (5) years. Violation of previous disciplinary order, took medication from pharmacy stock without payment, failure to obtain new treatment provider, failure to insure submission of counselor progress reports, and failure to submit personal progress report.

Pharmacies and Drug Distributors

Medical Arts Pharmacy, Inc #1432, Cape Girardeau, Mo – January 1, 2002. Probation for five (5) years, until December 31, 2006. Overfilled stock containers, audit overages, drug samples dispensed. Section 338.055.2(4), (5), (6), (13), and (15), RSMo Supp. 1999.

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