



COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

# Becoming a Registered Pharmacy Technician in Newfoundland & Labrador

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# Being a Self-Regulated Professional

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## What is Regulation?

- Establishes norms for an activity
- Monitors individuals engaging in the activity
- Common anywhere society feels there is an elevated risk to the public

Society **DOES NOT** regulate skateboarding because there is minimal risk to anyone who is not the person on the skateboard.

Society **DOES** regulate driving because there is a potential risk to others.

## Goals of Regulation

- Protect the public
- Ensure quality and safety

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## What is Self-Regulation?

Self-regulation occurs when government chooses to:

- establish basic rules for a profession (health professions, lawyers, engineers) and then...
- delegate the responsibility for expanding on the rules and monitoring compliance to another body.

### Potential Benefits



Government

Expertise  
Efficiency  
Cost-effective



Profession

Greater autonomy for the profession  
Professional pride / prestige

*We must always remember  
that self-regulation is a  
privilege, not a right*

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## How Does CPNL Regulate?

### Pharmacy Act

Regulations

Bylaws

Code of Ethics

Standards &  
Guidelines

Interpretation  
Guides &  
Policies

### Vision

*Quality pharmacy practice and  
patient-centred healthcare  
through leadership and  
collaboration.*

### Mission

*The College of Pharmacy of  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
protects the public by regulating  
the profession of pharmacy to  
ensure quality and ethical care.*

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## Composition of the Board of Directors

**8** elected registrants

- 4 regional pharmacists
- 2 at-large pharmacists
- 1 hospital pharmacist
- 1 pharmacy technician

**4** appointed public representatives

- 2 government-appointed
- 2 board-appointed

Dean, Memorial School of Pharmacy

Registrar (non-voting)

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## Registering as a Pharmacy Technician Student

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Documentation from Pharmacy Technician education program showing enrolment

Certificate of Conduct - sent from Sterling Backcheck directly to CPNL

Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

Photo Identification

*Registration as a Pharmacy Technician Student will allow you to:*

- *publicly identify yourself as a Pharmacy Technician Student; and*
- *perform tasks within the scope of practice of a pharmacy technician while under the direct supervision of a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.*

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## What is Professional Liability Insurance and why is it so important?

- Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) is a personal insurance policy that all are responsible for acquiring and maintaining
- It is intended to cover legal costs, expenses and damages in the event that an action or inaction causes harm to a patient
- Once you have obtained PLI and are registered as a student, intern, or pharmacy technician, you are responsible as a regulated health professional to ensure that your coverage is maintained continuously
- You are also expected to ensure that you update the registrant portal with your new certificate and information each year once it is received



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## Practical Training Program

Minimum  
**280**  
Hours

Hours are completed in 20-40 hour weeks with an approved preceptor after completion of your education program

Apply  
In  
Advance

Must apply through CPNL Applications Portal at least 7 days before you wish to start and wait for approval before starting

Complete  
Activities

Activities include discussions with your preceptor, taking verbal Rx, completing transfers, completing 500 technical checks

Submit Required  
Documentation

Not considered complete until submitted documentation has been received and reviewed:

- Tracking Logs & Evaluation Form

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## Registration Exam

Monthly sittings are held at College of the North Atlantic campuses in Corner Brook, Grand Falls-Windsor and St. John's

- Dates are posted online

Apply to write the exam through the Applications Portal at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the sitting

We will send you a confirmation email once your application has been reviewed and approved  
Closer to the exam date, you will also receive a second email from CNA with more specific details such as the room number where the exam will be written, and where to park, etc.

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## Registration Examination Content and Format

Multiple-choice/fill-in questions

Provincial pharmacy legislation, standards of practice, guidelines and policies

Open-book - written materials may be utilized

Reference list at end of Interpretation Guide

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## Registration Requirements

NLPB Practical Training Program for Pharmacy Technicians

NLPB Registration Examination

PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Exam - Parts I & II

Certificate of Conduct (see *Certificate of Conduct Requirements for Registration*)

Official transcript indicating graduation sent from educational institution **directly** to NLPB (or mail or hand-deliver a notarized copy)

Apply for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician

- Professional liability insurance coverage certificate (see *Professional Liability Insurance Requirements for Registration*)

- Photo identification (see *Photo Identification Requirements for Registration*)

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## I am Registered - What Now?

- ▶ Keep registration profile up to date
- ▶ Complete and document professional development activities
  - ▶ 15 credits each year
- ▶ Renew registration each year
- ▶ Maintain professional liability insurance coverage
- ▶ Maintain and further develop your competency
- ▶ Maintain your fitness to practice

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