



South Dakota Board of Pharmacy

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Facts a Technician Needs to Know...

To work as a technician in South Dakota, you must:

- Step 1** Be a high school graduate or have attained a GED
- Step 2** Be *hired/employed* as a technician
- Step 3** Be *registered* – obtain your technician registration within 30 days of employment
 - Online application found at (<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/pharmacy/assets/TechnicianApplication.pdf>)

What is a Technician Registration?

- A technician applies for and receives a *registration* from the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy
- All registrations expire October 31st and must be renewed annually
- Renewal period is Sept 1st thru Oct 31st.
- Important information on your registration:

Technician #	(a unique identifying number specifically assigned to you only)
Initial Issue Date	(the date your first registration was issued)
Must Be Certified By Date	(the date you must be certified by)
Issue Date	(the date you renewed your registration)
Expiration Date	(the date your registration expires)
- A technician keeps the same technician # throughout their employment in South Dakota.
- If a registration expires (ex: tech-stops working, moves out of state, works in another field then returns to employment as a tech in SD), technician must renew their registration using their previously assigned technician #.
- A technician **must** give a copy of their registration to their employer for posting.
- There is no Continuing Education (CE) required to be registered as a technician with the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy.

Technician Certification:

- Administrative Rule (20:51:29:06) requires a technician be certified within 2 years of registration Initial Issue Date.
- Upon certification, technician must provide the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy with a copy of the certificate issued by certifying agency (i.e. PTCB)
- After certification, a technician must retain their certification to be employed and registered as a technician in South Dakota.
- The certifying agency requires CE for recertification. Contact them if questions arise about CE.
- The South Dakota Board of Pharmacy **does not**: certify technicians, provide certification training, education or administer the national technician certification exam. Direct certification questions to your employer / Pharmacist-In-Charge.