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Emergency Rules are in effect no longer than 120 days after filing with the Registrar of Rules.

Section 1. Authority.

These regulations are promulgated as authorized by the Act.

Section 2. Interns in Pharmacy.

(a) "Intern" means any person who:

(i) Has entered the first professional year in an approved college or school of pharmacy, who is in good standing with the approved college or school of pharmacy, and who has duly registered with the Board; or

(ii) Those applicants who are graduates of an approved college or school of pharmacy seeking licensure by examination or score transfer who:

(A) lack the required amount of practical experience for licensure, and who have duly registered with the Board; or

(B) are awaiting examination for licensure

(iii) Those applicants for reciprocity who have not been in active practice and must complete an internship, and who have duly registered with the Board; or

(iv) Those applicants for reinstatement of a lapsed license who must complete a required amount of practical experience, and who have duly registered with the Board; or

(v) Those applicants for licensure who are considered foreign pharmacy graduates and possess a Foreign Graduate Examination Committee™ (FPGEC®) Certificate who must complete one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practical experience for licensure, and who have duly registered with the Board,

(b) Every Intern shall be registered with the Board prior to and throughout employment or training in any capacity as a pharmacy intern in any pharmacy practice setting. Eligible applicants must submit the proper application, waiver form, and two (2) fingerprint cards supplied to applicants by the Board with a registration fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and a criminal background check fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). If the applicant has successfully completed a criminal background check which is on file at the Board's office, and is dated

within twelve (12) months of the date of application for registration as a pharmacy Intern, the applicant need not resubmit the two (2) fingerprint cards nor remit the fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee for a criminal background check.

(c) Upon receipt of a complete application and applicable fees, the application will be reviewed and, if approved, a registration certificate will be issued to the qualified applicant.

(d) Intern registration shall expire annually on September 30. Registrants may not renew for multiple years. The fee for renewal of Intern registration shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). An Intern registration may not be renewed beyond twenty-four (24) months from the date of graduation from an approved college or school of pharmacy where the initial degree in pharmacy is obtained, unless a waiver is obtained from the Board.

(e) Each employed Intern shall provide the Board with the name of each registered pharmacist serving as the preceptor pharmacist and the place of employment.

(f) Each Intern will complete an evaluation of the preceptor pharmacist for non-academic rotations.

(g) Internship credit hours shall not be approved by the Board unless all requirements of this chapter are met by the Intern.

Section 3. Internship Training Requirements.

(a) The practical experience requirement for licensure as a pharmacist in Wyoming by examination or score transfer shall be met by the successful completion of a clinical clerkship program during a student's tenure at an approved college of pharmacy, provided the clinical clerkship consists of a minimum of one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practical experience.

(b) The Board shall annually review and approve the clinical clerkship program offered by the University of Wyoming, School of Pharmacy.

(c) Experience obtained in another state shall be accepted only if the regulatory agency in the state where the experience is obtained provides satisfactory proof of such experience or the approved college or school of pharmacy provides satisfactory proof of successful completion of a clinical clerkship program during the student's tenure at the approved college or school of pharmacy and provides the total hours of practical experience gained.

(d) The Board may approve up to five hundred (500) hours of practical experience for periods of non-traditional internships. A non-traditional internship is any period of experience other than experience gained in a traditional retail or hospital pharmacy setting. Interns participating in non-traditional internships under this subsection;

- (i) May request prior review of the experience by the Board;
- (ii) Shall be supervised by a licensed pharmacist if no preceptor pharmacist is available; and
- (iii) Shall adhere to all requirements of this chapter including, but not limited to, proper reporting to the Board on Board-approved forms.

Section 4. Intern Training.

- (a) Interns shall, under the direct supervision of the preceptor pharmacist or academic preceptor:
 - (i) Fill prescriptions, including I.V. orders, and comment on any unusual prescription. Interns shall evaluate prescriptions as to drug, dose, and therapeutic effect. This evaluation may be submitted in written form or discussed orally with the preceptor pharmacist.
 - (ii) Be instructed in the proper handling of controlled substances and all other drugs requiring special attention, including over-the-counter products.
 - (iii) Gain familiarity with brand names, generic names, and dosage forms.
 - (iv) Become familiar with the proper handling of veterinarian products, if pertinent to the practice setting.
 - (v) Be supervised in the appropriate counseling of patients regarding self-administration of drugs.
 - (vi) Make the offer to counsel and provide appropriate counseling to patients regarding self administration of prescription drugs and over-the-counter drug products.
 - (vii) Accept verbal medication orders from a prescribing practitioner.
 - (viii) Transfer prescriptions, as provided in chapter 2.
 - (ix) Conduct prospective and retrospective drug utilization reviews, including the identification of problems and steps required to resolve identified problems.
 - (x) Become familiar with medication therapy management, including communicating with health care providers and patients regarding medication management.
 - (xi) Become familiar with pharmacy record-keeping requirements.

- (xii) Provide pharmaceutical care.
- (xiii) Compound non-sterile and sterile medications.
- (xiv) Administer immunizations under the supervision of a pharmacist who is licensed by the Board.

Section 5. Preceptor Pharmacist Rules.

- (a) Definitions of preceptors are as follows:
 - (i) “Academic preceptor” means a pharmacist who is supervising the training of pharmacy interns provided through an approved academic program and not necessarily licensed as a pharmacist in Wyoming.
 - (ii) “Preceptor pharmacist” means a pharmacist who is supervising pharmacy interns that are employed by the pharmacy, or are obtaining intern hours outside of a formal academic rotation.
- (b) A preceptor pharmacist for pharmacy Interns in Wyoming shall be a licensed pharmacist in Wyoming and active in the profession for a minimum of two (2) years.
- (c) A preceptor pharmacist shall register with the Board by application provided by the Board. The initial registration fee and renewal fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). Preceptor pharmacists’ registrations shall expire annually on December 31.
- (d) Upon application to the Board and fee payment, a certificate shall be issued to the preceptor pharmacist identifying the preceptor pharmacist and pharmacy or other pharmacy intern training site.
- (e) The preceptor pharmacist shall instruct the Intern in the necessity of the strict observance of the Code of Ethics of the pharmacy profession; shall assist the Intern in the performance of professional services so as to enhance the professional ability of the Intern; and shall train the Intern to become oriented in every phase of pharmacy practice, including those topics identified in this chapter.
- (f) A preceptor pharmacist shall not supervise more than two (2) pharmacy interns at one time.
- (g) The preceptor pharmacist shall submit to the Board, at the end of each period of employment, an “Intern Evaluation Report” and affidavit, as provided by the Board, for the following:

(i) Applicants for licensure by examination or score transfer who will not have one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practical experience after completion of a clinical clerkship during the student's tenure at an approved college or school of pharmacy.

(ii) Applicants for licensure by reciprocity who do not have the required practical experience, as specified in chapter 2.

(iii) Applicants for reinstatement of a pharmacist license who must complete a required amount of practical experience.

(iv) Foreign pharmacy graduates who must complete one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practical experience for licensure.