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Pharmacy Technician Registration Deadline Approaching–Transition Pathway

December 31, 2018 marks the registration deadline for pharmacy assistants working through the transition pathway. Pharmacy assistants in the transition pathway are required to meet all registration requirements including:

- Successful completion of the [National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education](#) courses
- Successful completion of the Pharmacy Technician Assessment
- Successful completion of the [PEBC Evaluating and Qualifying exams](#)
- Successful completion of the [PEI College of Pharmacists Jurisprudence Exam](#)
- Submission of an application for registration as a pharmacy technician

- Submission of the application fee

Information on the registration process can be found on the [PEI College of Pharmacists website](#). Questions pertaining to the registration process and requirements should be directed to the PEI College of Pharmacists office.

Health Canada Amendments – Antimicrobials in Veterinary Compounding

Do you import Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients that may be used in veterinary drugs?

Are you a pharmacy professional who compounds antimicrobial drugs on [List A](#) for animals?

Effective May 2018, you may need to

- be inspected by Health Canada,
- comply with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), and/or
- obtain a Drug Establishment Licence (DEL).

Health Canada, in an effort to promote prudent use of antimicrobials in food production, has made amendments to the Food and [Drug Regulations](#) which will see an increase in oversight of the importation and sales reporting of medically important antimicrobials in veterinary use.

If you are a manufacturer, importer, or compounder of antimicrobial drugs for veterinary use that contain an active pharmaceutical ingredient on [List A](#), you will need to [report annual sales data to Health Canada](#). This means you will need to collect data throughout 2018 and report by March 31, 2019.



.Pharmacy Domain Signals Safety on the Web

The challenge for Canadian consumers when looking for websites that provide drug information and offer access to both non-prescription and prescription drugs (with a valid prescription and as permitted by the laws of the province), is knowing which websites are safe, legal and ethical. For example, in the United States, only 4% of websites selling prescription drugs online follow US pharmacy laws and practice standards. Consumers seeking medications online are faced with the daunting task of finding a safe site.

To assist consumers and those legitimate pharmacies with an online presence, the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) in Canada is working with the (American) National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to verify web addresses through the .Pharmacy Verified Websites Program. The .Pharmacy Program, which was launched in Canada in 2016, enables qualified pharmacies and pharmacy-related businesses to register a web address with the .pharmacy domain. A .pharmacy domain (pronounced “dot pharmacy”) is part of a website’s address like “.com” or “.biz”: www.safe.pharmacy. It enables consumers and healthcare professionals to identify an online pharmacy or pharmacy-related website as safe and legitimate. Since .pharmacy is a verified domain, websites are evaluated against national and provincial laws and practice standards before an applicant is approved to register the domain (and linked to the existing current web address)

In addition to showing patients that they operate a safe website, the .pharmacy domain allows pharmacies and related entities to advertise online through Google, Bing, and Yahoo!

For more information about the .Pharmacy Program, including the application and domain name registration process and fees, visit www.safe.pharmacy/apply.

2018/2019 Registration Portal Now Open

The renewal portal for the 2018/2019 registration year is now open in the member area of the PEI College of Pharmacists website. Members are reminded that they are required to carry personal, professional liability insurance in accordance with section 21 of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Profession Regulations. In addition, pharmacists in the Part A Register must also ensure that they have up-to-date first aid and CPR (level C or HCP).

The deadline for registration is March 15, 2018. All registrations must accompany payment and appropriate documents by the registration deadline or will be subject to a late fee of \$250.00. Payments may be made by either cash, cheque or email money transfer to info@pepharmacists.ca.

Please ensure that all personal information is up-to-date in your member profile including email address, phone number, and place of employment.

Any questions should be forwarded to Heather Idt, administrative assistant at the PEI College of Pharmacists office.

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Extended Practice Certificate Renewal Portal Open

The renewal portal for extended practice certificates (EPC) is now open for the 2018/2019 registration year. The portal is located on the member home page on the PEI College of Pharmacists website. Pharmacists are required to renew their extended practice certificates annually by March 31. The fees to renew EPCs are as follows:

Drug Administration: \$25

Dispensing Methadone and Suboxone: \$25

Minor Ailment Prescribing: \$0

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Important Dates

PEI Jurisprudence Exam

The PEI College of Pharmacists has posted the jurisprudence exam sittings for 2018. They are as follows:

June 18, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

October 22, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

December 10, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

Additional dates may be added to accommodate pharmacy assistants completing the transition pathway in time for the December 2018 registration deadline.

PEBC

The deadline for application for the Summer PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Exam (September 8, 2018-MCQ only) for pharmacy technicians is June 8, 2018.

Continuing Education Deadline

The deadline for obtaining and logging continuing education units in the online Professional Development

Log in the member area of the PEI College of Pharmacists website is February 28, 2018. The Renewal Portal will not open for 2018/2019 registration year unless all 20 CEUs have been entered into the online Professional Development Log.

Islander Day

The PEI College of Pharmacists office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observation of Islander Day. The office will reopen on February 20, 2018 at 8:30 am.

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