



Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Significant Changes to Pharmacy Regulations

Effective December 11, 2019

A periodic review of Virginia Board of Pharmacy regulations is performed approximately every four years. The Board recently completed this comprehensive review, which resulted in many regulatory changes that became effective December 11, 2019. A [crosswalk summary document may be found here](#) to assist you identifying which regulations were affected. Please review this document, along with the [current regulations](#).

Some of the most notable regulatory changes are outlined below:

- Eligible pharmacists-in-charge must now have at least 2 years of experience practicing as a pharmacist in Virginia or another US jurisdiction. This requirement does not impact pharmacists-in-charge who assumed the role prior to December 11, 2019;
- Beginning in 2020, of the 15 contact hours of continuing education required for annual renewal of a pharmacist license, at least three hours shall be obtained in courses or programs that are live or real-time interactive. Included in the three hours, the following may be credited:
 1. A maximum of one hour for attendance at a board meeting or formal hearing; or
 2. A maximum of one hour for serving as a preceptor for a pharmacy student or resident in an accredited school or program or for a foreign-trained student obtaining hours of practical experience.
- Regulations related to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns were removed from Chapter 20, *Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy*, and placed into a new Chapter 21, *Regulations Governing Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, & Pharmacy Technicians*;
- Regulations remaining in Chapter 20, *Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy*, primarily address pharmacies, medical equipment suppliers, and the practice of pharmacy;
- Regulations in Chapter 50, *Regulations Governing Wholesale Distributors, Manufacturers, Warehousemen, and Third-Party Logistic Providers* were revised.

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Thank you.

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