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To: Oregon Pharmacy Technicians
From: The Oregon Board of Pharmacy
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Re: Pharmacy Technician Certification Requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING LICENSURE, PLEASE READ

Per OAR 855-025-0010, all current pharmacy technicians will need to become Nationally Certified. This rule requires all current pharmacy technicians to become certified no later than **October 1, 2008**, and gives all new pharmacy technicians until October 1, 2008, one year after initial licensure, or prior to the pharmacy technician's 19th birthday, whichever is later, to obtain certification.

What this means is:

- To be licensed as a Pharmacy Technician in Oregon, you must demonstrate that you have **taken and passed** the certified pharmacy technician exam no later than October 1, 2008. The tests are administered through either:
 - Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (800) 363-8012 (www.ptcb.org)
 - Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (314) 442-6775 (<http://www.nationaltechexam.org/>)
 - NOTE: Testing is NOT administered by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy. You must contact one of the agencies listed above for information regarding testing and certification.
- This means that during the 2007-2008 renewal period, your pharmacy technician license will be valid through September 30, 2008. Pharmacy technician licenses are non-renewable after that date. You **WILL NOT** be allowed to work in Oregon as a pharmacy technician after October 1, 2008 until you obtain your Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician License. You must be able to provide proof that you have passed one of the exams administered through either the PTCB or ICPT to obtain your Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician License.

- NOTE: If you currently hold a CPhT or ExCPT Certification, you are eligible to apply for your Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician License. If you did not receive a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician Renewal Application with this mailing, you can download the application from our website at www.pharmacy.state.or.us.
- Please be advised that late fees will apply if your application or renewal is received after the August 31, 2007 deadline.
- To renew as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician, you will need to complete a new application. Along with the completed application, you must submit:
 - A passport regulation size photo;
 - A copy of your Driver's License or state issued ID Card; and
 - A copy of your National Certification

Please note that the Board will conduct a criminal background check and you will be issued a new license number.